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NEW ORLEANS - 1843

Assayer's Office, U. S. Branch Mint, New Orleans

I hereby certify that I have carefully assayed and estimated the Gold & Silver Sweeps & grains in the Melter & Refiner's department, & the same being weighed, the nett value of each is to the best of my judgement & belief as follows:

Amount of Silver Sweeps	oz. 552.81	
do. Grains	292.00	oz. 844.81
Amount of Gold Sweeps	8.94	
do. Grains	2.00	10.94

Sign'd Wm P. Hort

2 Jany 1843.

Assayer.

Statement of Grains & Sweep, Dec. 31st 1842

Parcel A. Barrels No. 1 to 9
4000 lbs av. weight
831 m weight of fine bullion from 5 oz. Troy.
10½ m of Gold
363.24 Standard oz. of Silver.
4.483 Standard oz. of Gold.
$ 300. Expense of Smelting at $ 7½ per Cwt.
$ 506.01. Total gross Value.

Parcels B.C.D.E. – Barrels No. 10 to 21
5540 lbs av.
12 grains fine bullion in 5 oz. Troy.
7 m thereof gold.
443.38 Standard oz. Silver.
$ 375 Expense of Smelting at $ 7½ Cwt.
$ 574.33. Total gross Value.

Parcels F.G. 2735 lbs av.
1.132 m fine Silver in 5 oz. Troy.
319.80 Standard oz. Silver.
$ 180.– Cost of Smelting at $ 7½ Cwt.

Parcel G 765 lbs av.
94 m gold in 5 oz. Troy.
8.813 Standard oz. gold.

In grains 292 Standard ounces of Silver.
2 Standard ounces of gold.

Nett amt. of Silver 844.81 St. ounces.
do of Gold 10.941 St. ounces.

Signd J. L. Riddell M & R

Rec^{d} Jan. 30. 43.

Joseph M. Kennedy Esqr.

Treasury Department
January 3. 1843.

Sir

Referring to your communication of the 8th.. ultimo I have to inform you that the Department has decided to increase the Deposit of the Treasurer of the U States with the Branch Mint at N. Orleans by the sum of One hundred thousand dollars. This sum it is hoped will enable that Branch to pay promptly the depositors of bullion for coinage.

Would it not in your opinion be expedient to confine the coinage at that Branch to pieces of a leſs denomination than $1. the smaller the better. If so I will thank you to give the neceſsary directions to that effect.

I remain very Respectfully

W Forward
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada.

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P.S. As the Treasurer has no funds to the South – two transfer drafts of $50.000 – each have been ifsued in fav. of the Treasurer Br. Mint at N. Orleans on the Banks of N. York – payable on the 1st of March next.

From Sec. of Treasury,
Jan. 3. 1843
Recd " 5. "

January 1843

Mint U.S.
Jan. 5, 1843.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d ult.

The articles desired by Dr. Hort and Dr. Riddell ~~will~~ shall be sent ~~to you~~ as soon as ~~practica-ble~~ possible. The annealing crucibles must be made here, & the glass matrasses from Boston.

I am aware that the attempt to introduce ~~a~~ copper coins at New Orleans is a somewhat doubtful experiment, but your public papers show that the use of these coins is desired by many of your citizens.

I have received to-day a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, of which a copy is subjoined. I rejoice that your Gd. deposits is to be increased. As to limiting your silver coinage to pieces less than a dollar, that is already done; but the spirit of the communication ~~reg~~ looks to pieces less than the half-dollar. I have answered the Secretary, by stating that the demand for ~~dimes~~ ~~half dimes~~ small silver coins, after a partial suspension, had revived, so that this coinage would no doubt again ~~[illegible]~~ make up a large part of your business; but that, with the amount of work you were now called upon to do, it would be impracticable for you to limit your silver coinage to these small pieces, except for depositors who desired to have them, and were willing to submit to the consequent delay in receiving their returns. —

I am sure, however, that you will ~~not fail~~ do every thing in your power to comply with the ~~desired~~ views of the Department. ~~as far as~~

Mr. Tyler has informed me of an extraordinary loss that has made its appearance in his gold account, but states that a corresponding gain occurs in Dr. Riddell's. I am greatly interested to know the ~~result of~~ facts in this important case. It appears, from his letter, that he supposes you had already written to me on ~~the~~ a subject of so much moment; but your letters are silent with regard to it.

I am very anxious to know the result of your wastage account for the past year. Ours stands as follows:

Melter & Refiner's wastage on Oz	2,062,412.00
Silver, delivered to him during the year	981.20
Corresponding to — — — — — — —	0.475 ~~th~~
M. & R.'s wastage on ~~gold~~; oz.	81,439.846
of gold, — — — — — — — —	0.000
Chief Coiner's wastage on Oz	2,041,762.800
Silver, delivered to him during the year	836.723
Corresponding to, — — — — — — —	0.410 ~~th~~
C. C.'s wastage on Oz.	80,097.600
Gold, — — — — — — — —	26.176
Corresponding to — — — — — — —	0.327 ~~th~~

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

R. M. P.
D. M.

P.S. The following dies have been sent to you through the Sec. of Treasury:

Dec. 14, No. 1, 1 pr. ½ dollar dies, &c as recorded in Br. Mint Book, Dec. 27. 1842, which see.

Some mistake occurred in numbering the boxes, in Mr. Dunny's absence; so that you probably received No. 11 before No. 9. — No. No. 10 has ~~not~~ yet been sent.

Here copy my letter ~~to~~ from Sec. of Treasury received ~~of~~ this day.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.

Jan. 5. 1843.

January 1843

(Copy)

Treasurer's Office
5th January 1843.

Sir

The annual accounts of Dr. Riddell, Melter & Refiner, have been handed in to me & copies of them laid before the Superintendent. His Gold account shews an excess of $20\overset{3}{2}, \overset{dec}{222}$ without charge for wastage. The Superintendent has returned the account to me, with the following remark on it, of which I have advised the M. & R.

"Dr. Riddell has certainly not worked $5\overset{3}{6}, 72\overset{dec}{6}, 120$ of Gold "without wastage. If he will admit, as Wastage, in the uncertainty "an amount proportionate to that hitherto claimed by him, "this, added to the above excess of $20\overset{3}{2}, \overset{dec}{222}$, will satisfactorily "explain the deficiency which has occurred in Mr Tyler's department"

The average Wastage claimed by Dr. Riddell for the Years 1840 & 1841, is about $1\frac{6}{10}$, which being allowed on the above 56, 726, 120, would amount to over 90 ounces, & would make an excess in his hands of 292, ounces. Dr. Riddell, however, proposes that the deficiency of Gold be divided in the proportions of the limits fixed by law to the Melter & Refiner & Coiner for Wastage, say 2 thousand to the former & 1/2 to you, & thus make the allowance claimed by him 76 ounces; which would be in proportion, to the wastage found at the settlement in July last.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
(Signed) H. C. Cammack,
Treasurer

To F. R. Tyler Esqr.
Coiner.

Recd. Feb. 7. 1843.

Mint U. S.

Jan. 5, 1843.

Sir,

I am gratified to learn, by your letter of the 3d inst., that you have determined to increase the U. S. deposits at the New Orleans Branch Mint. It will greatly facilitate their operations, which are now on a very respectable scale.

The principal ~~business~~ work of the New Orleans Mint, heretofore, in silver, has been the coinage of quarters, dimes, and half-dimes, and the demand for these coins, after a partial suspension, has again revived. The wishes of the depositors will therefore have the effect of making this still ~~the~~ a principal coinage at that Mint. It would be impracticable, ~~however~~, ~~to~~ with their present amount of business, to ~~confine~~ limit the work to these small coins, unless at the request of depositors willing to submit to the consequent delay and all silver coinage in receiving their returns: but I will communicate your views to the Superintendent, and I am sure that he will do every thing in his power to ~~carry out your views~~ ~~as to the~~ carry them out. It is proper to mention that no dollar-pieces have been struck at the New Orleans Mint.

To Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.

R. M. P. Dir

To/ Sec. of Treasury,

Jan. 5, 1843.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of December 1842.

Deposites.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Wt.		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	4.238	74	4.139	602	77.015	85	77.015	85		
Foreign Bullion	590	31	32	955	613	11	613	11		
									77.628	96
Silver										
Foreign Coins	44.709	60	44.707	10	52.022	81	52.022	81		
Foreign Bullion	2.825	48	2.730	09	3.176	82	3.149	85		
									55.199	63
					Total Deposites				$132.828	59

Coinage.

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold					
Eagles	17.600	176.000	00		
				176.000	00
Silver					
Half Dollars	156.000	78.000	00		
Quarter Dollars	184.000	46.000	00		
				124.000	00
	Total Coinage			$300.000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office December 31st 1842.
H C Cammack
Treasr.

Note. Gold deposites were brought to the Mint on the 31 day of decr 1842. amounting to 9.720.81 ounces, which were not entered on the books until 2 Jany. 1843.
H.C.
3 Jany 1843.

Rec^{d}. Jan. 17. '43.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans January 5. 1843

Sir,

I forward the statement of our operations during the last month. You will perceive that we have closed the year well. I hope to be able in a few days, to enclose the accounts of the Coiner and Melter & Refiner – We have received seven cases of dies – I will enumerate them in my next letter –

Respectfully
Y. obed.t Serv.t
J M Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

(Form)

Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt B. M.
New Orleans
Jan. 5/43.

Recd. 17th.

private

New Orleans 9 January 1843.

dear Sir

Annexed is a memo of the settlements made with the Coiner & Melter & Refiner which I closed on friday. We recommenced operations today but as yet no transfer of ingots has been made. Tomorrow we will be able to get some and start the engine again. The Coinage for last year is very respectable in amount. If the Melting department could keep the Coining department at full work we could coin, this year, more than double that of last. but it cannot be done. Dr Riddell thinks that with two men more he could do it, but even this I doubt. I have thought of the propriety of his having one man more and paying him from the Contingent fund. Do you think such would be proper? I have not seen the Appropriation bill that has lately passed.

The deposites now in my possession are 220.000$ in Gold and 40000 in Mexican Dollars. At your mint is the bullion delivered to the M & R. as soon as the title is ascertained or from time to time as required? The Amount in the hands of Dr R. now is large - particularly Gold. The Treasurer of the U.S. has sent me two transfer Warrants for 50.000 each, due 1 March to add to the Government deposite.

poor William Tyler is very low and cannot last many hours.

I am very truly yours in haste
A. Cammack

To Dr. Patterson

Melter & Refiner's acc^t of Bullion

1842,
Decr 31.

Silver.

Dr.		Oz.	1.398.934.56
Cr.			1.342.555.35
		Balance	56.379.21
Bullion weighed	53.820.29		
In Grains & Sweeps.	844.81		
Wastage.	1.714.11		56.379.21

Gold.

Dr.		oz.	57.004.342
Cr.			47.881.400
		Balance	9.122.942
Bullion weighed	9.036.001		
In Grains & Sweeps.	10.941		
Wastage	76.000		9.122.942

M. & R.	Legal Wastage	M.	Actual Wastage		M
Silver,	2,797.869 oz.	2.	1,714.11 oz.	—	1.22
Gold,	85.506 "	1.5	76.00 "	—	1.33
Coiner					
Silver,	2,690.998	2.	2,018.21		1.49
Gold,	71.887	1.5	47.987	—	0.998

Coiner's Acct of Bullion

1842.
Decr 31.

Gold

Dr.		Oz: 47.924.914
Cr.		46.734.007
	Balance	1.190.907
Bullion weighed	1.143.050	
Wastage	47.857	1.190.907

Silver

Dr.		Oz: 1.345.499.36
Cr.		1.315.931.70
	Balance	29.567.66
Bullion Weighed	27.549.45	
Wastage	2.018.21	29.567.66

The Copper Coins were landed on friday only - They will answer beyond a doubt, but people will be slow in understanding them - particularly the french & Spaniards who are the principal vendors in the markets.

To Doctr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Branch Mint
Philadelphia

Treasy
H. C. Cammack
Treasr Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
Jan. 9/43.
Recd. 20th

Dear Sir

There has been some discussion here lately, as to the legal value of Sovereigns – Large amounts have been received from England, and New York as remittances, which have been offered to the Banks at $94\frac{8}{10}$ cents per penny weight, which the holders contend is their legal value, but at which rate they have been refused – I have been appealed to several times, to determine the value of these Coins, and have stated, that not being 22 Carats fine, it was my opinion, that their intrinsic value was not; and that I doubted if they were a legal tender at, $94\frac{8}{10}$ cents ℘ dwts.

In some instances, they have been sent to my Office to be weighed, to decide the value, and I have returned it, at the amount they would produce by being Coined – Most of the Sovereigns that have been received here from England, and which are said to have been received from the Bank of England, are light – Annexed is the weights of 25.000 received by Mr Saml Nicholson of this City, which were weighed, and returned to him – they were evidently old Coins, and many of them of the Coinage of George III

A sum of 30.000 Sovereigns, owned also by Mr Nicholson, has since been weighed, which shewed about the same result – I have seen the Letters from the Shippers of these Coins, which say that they are from the Bank, and that they are full weight – I conclude that the Shippers have received them as such, and that the Bank, or it's Branch in Liverpool, has been getting clear of their light

light Gold, by export - Mr Nicholson is the Partner or Agent of Messrs Brown Brothers & Co, and their various connexions in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Liverpool, and I am very desirous of knowing, if my views on this matter be correct - It seems to me that the whole question resolves itself in this - does the Act of Congress of June 1834 fix the standard of the Gold of England, or is it to be fixed by the Director of the Mint of the U. S. by assays to be caused to be made by him -

I will be much obliged to you for your views and directions on this subject. -

I am very Sincerely
Your faithful Servant
H. C. Cammack

Br. Mint New Orleans
~~New~~ January 18. 1843.

The account of weights not ready to night, I will send them tomorrow.-

Doctor R M Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

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Doct R M Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From / H. C. Cammack,
Treas Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Jan. 18. 1843.
Recd. Feb. 2. –

dear Sir

Annexed I send you the weights of the sovereigns mentioned in my last letter to you.

I now enclose copy of my ordinary accounts wh I sent away by the mail today.

Silver Coinage, in Bullion accounts, has been paid $4.606.84 being amount of to debit of profit & loss accts up to 30 Septr. and includes the wastage from the first establishment of the mint to the end of the past year. part of this sum has been charged to "Coinage Expences" and a part to "Incidental & Contingent Expences" To the latter I charged just enough to absorbe the balance, which has been increased by placing to the Credit of that Account on the Books of the Register in Washington a sum of $2868. received from Mr Forstall, late Treasurer. In the above sum of $4606 84/100 is included the deficiency found in Mr Forstall's bullion accounts and which was charged to P & Loss by recommendation of the Clerks in the Treasury department.

Dr Riddell informed me this morning that he will today deliver Silver Ingots so as to reduce the balance of Silver in his hands below 2000 ounces. He informs me that all of his base bullion has been worked up and that he is now going to attack the Gold, of which he had two days ago 15.600 ounces on hand, most vigorously. He Complains very

Weight of Sovirigns & half do for Saml. Nicholson Esqr.
Containing in Boxes marked S.N. # 1 & 2 – Decr. 21st 1842

			Ounces	dec.
Bag No 1	1000	Sovirigns	255	12
2	1000	do	255	17
3	1000	do	256	09
4	1000	do	255	12
5	1000	do	255	33
6	1000	do	254	98
7	1000	do	255	17
8	1000	do	255	28
9	1000	do	255	02
10	1000	do	254	85
11	1000	do	255	06
12	1000	do	254	95
13	1000	do	254	31
14	1000	do	255	14
15	1000	do	255	12
16	1000	do	255	10
17	1000	do	255	10
18	1000	do	255	08
19	1000	do	255	16
20	1000	do	254	99
21	1000	do	255	16
22	1000	do	254	90
23	1000	do	255	16
24	1000	do	254	94
25	1000	do	255	87
		Av: 255.126	6.378	17

Weight of 3000 Sovereigns at the Branch Mint New Orleans. Weighed for Samuel Nicholson & S. C Bell Cash

One draught.	1.022.77
One do	1.533.97
One do	1.278.30
One do	1.278.38
One do	1.278.55
One do	1.278.60
One do	
	7.670.57

av: 20) 255.685.

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5113.700

Much of the trouble and time required in parting South american doubloons. Do you find the same inconvenience at your mint? He now has one man from Mr Tyler's department to assist him.

I am, truly
Your Obt Servant
A H Cammack

New Orleans
January 20 1843

To
Dr R. M. Patterson
philadelphia.

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Jan. 20. 1843.
Recd Feb. 2.

Dr. The United States for the "House Expenses" of the Branch Mint New Orleans, as paid to the following persons from the 1st. of October to 31st. December 1842, inclusive, in pursuance of Warrants of the Superintendent of the marginal dates & numbers, viz:

1842		Nos.			Dolls	Cts
Novr.	9	477	Cantin Darant & Co	for Candles & oil for the mint	114	22
		484	P. B. Tyler	Expenses incurred a/c of the mint	25	40
	10	490	J. A. Lacroix	Lard, candles &c for the Melting dept.	48	19
		497	A. W. Wagner	Candles, oil &c for Coining dept	85	52
	15	506	Wm. Doorner	Painting in the Melting dept	37	25
Decr.	6	516	J. L. Warner	Ice furnished the mint in summer	67	00
	7	517	F. Vraeple	Glazing in the mint	19	00
	9	518	J. Connelly & M. Lewis	Piling Coal in Mint Yard	24	00
	10	522	John Carroll	day Watch &c in Oct & Novr.	101	66
		523	W. Parks & G. Clamann	Porter & doorkeeper in do & do	223	66
		524	Wm. Whitney & others	Watching the mint in do & do	437	16
	12	526	Philip Smyth	Piling Coal in the yard of the mint	24	00
	29	539	George Tore	Carpenter's Work in the mint	53	00
		541	John J. Schaw	Oil for Coining dept.	33	30
	31	547	Wm. Whitney	Watching the mint in December	222	16
		548	G. Clamann & W. Parks	Porter & doorkeeper in do	113	67
		549	J. F. Girault	Expenses incurred acct. of the mint	147	82
		550	John Carroll	day Watch & yard labour in Decr.	57	67
					$1.828	68

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office December 31st. 1842

Dr. The United States for the "Office Expenses" of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, as paid to the following persons from the 1st. of October, to the 31st. December 1842, inclusive, in pursuance of Warrants of the Superintendent, of the marginal dates & numbers, viz:

1842	Nos			dolls	cts
Novr. 9	478	Davis Felt & Co	for Stationary for the mint	77	00
Decr. 29	540	Benjn. Levy	" do do	19	25
				$ 96	25

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office December 31st. 1842

Recd. Feb. 2. '43.

Copy.

Dr. The United States for the "Coinage Expenses" of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, as paid to the following persons from the 1st of October to 31st of December 1842, inclusive, in pursuance of Warrants of the Superintendent of the marginal dates & numbers.

1842	Nos			Dolls	Cts
October	415	To E. Blanc	for fire bricks & tiles for the mint	70	25
"	449	George Tyler	making pointing Rolls for Coining dept.	52	50
"	450	Albert Eames	making Force pump for Boilers	107	25
"	455	John O'Brien	bill of mitters for melting dept.	185	"
" 22	475	J. Lewis	Nitric Acid for do do	132	06
Nov. 9	476	R. Layton & Co	Hardware for the Mint	259	37
	479	F. H. Petitpain	Wood for the Coining department	125	"
	480	John C. Stewart	Coal " " do do	400	"
	481	J. Drummond	Castings &c for Melting do	87	83
	482	John T. Osborne	brass Castings for Coining do	100	50
	483	E. J. White	Charcoal for Melting do	165	00
	485	Daniel Dana	brass weight for Steam Engine	40	00
10	486	B. Hart	Charcoal for Melting department	315	45
	487	Zacharie, Hillman & Co	Candles &c " do do	57	24
	488	Thomas B. Winston	Rosin dross " do do	174	77
	489	P. Engman	Crucibles &c " do do	31	31
	491	W. L. Thompson & Co	Coal for the Coining do	55	"
	492	M. H. & J. Devereux	Iron pipe for the Melting do	39	75
	493	Long & Smith	Copper pans for Coining do	157	38
	494	Dunham & Ricker	putting bottom in filtering tub, Melt'g dept.	10	00
	495	P. Louis Massey	drugs &c for the Melting dept.	46	26
	499	G. N. Morrison	Crucibles for do do	46	98
12	501	John Clark	blacksmith's work in do do	341	87
	502	E. O. McGowan	ash Wood for the Coining do	80	00
	503	Daniel McCallum	Wood " " do do	80	00
	504	John P. Clay	bill of Plumbing for the Mint	208	42
14	505	Pablo Fernandez	Charcoal for the Melting dept.	50	00
15	507	M. Joan	Charcoal " " do do	52	50
			Amount Carried forward	$3.471	69

1842	Nos.	Amount brought forward			
				3.471	69
Nov. 16	508	Chanchon & Lurry	for lime & Sand for Melting dept.	11	75
	509	Armstrong & Pearson	Iron work in Coining dept.	43	00
	510	Ship Ohio & Owners	freight of Acid from Phila.	10	90
	511	Francisco Gomez	Mason Work in Melting dept	35	00
	512	P. E. D. Livaudais & Co	Wood for Coining dept.	90	00
	513	John L. Clay	Spelter for the Melting dept.	80	72
	514	Massey & Black	Oil Vitriol for do do	37	68
	515	Wm. M. Tyler	Use of Machine for Counting dimes	126	66
	519	Matthew Dicks	Coal for the Melting dept.	35	10
	520	J. Hart	Charcoal for do do	79	87
	521	Peter Cartter	making four tubs for do do	20	00
	527	N. C. Lane	Charcoal for do do	12	00
	528	John Lombard	286 Tons Coal for the Mint	858	00
	529	F. W. Delesdernier	Cherry lumber for Coining dept.	22	73
	631	M. Wilder	drayage of Coal to the Mint	170	75
	532	Morgan & Co	Nitric acid for melting dept.	34	25
	533	Wm. Downey	refined potash for do do	43	29
	534	John Johnson	freight of Weights from Phila.	16	80
	535	Hermann Wicke	Charcoal for the Melting dept.	90	00
	536	B. Saloy	Wood for the Coining dept.	10	00
	537	Jacob Hart	Charcoal for the Melting dept.	52	53
	538	Chas. Patterson	Cotton Cloth for do do	8	75
	542	John Stout	Charcoal for do do	20	00
	543	Silver Coinage	Balance (in part) of Profit & Loss on the Bullion Books of the Mint to 30th Sept. last	1.330	15
	544	P. E. D. Livaudais & Co	Ash Wood for Coining dept.	112	50
	531	R. M. Patterson, Director	Expenses incurred at Phila. for a/c of this Branch Mint per accompanying bills, viz		
		paid C. B. Barclay	per receipt No 125 $ 6.00		
		" M. Bunney	" " " 128 15.50		
		" Bym. B. Mejick	" " " 129 11.00		
		" James Edgar	" " " 134 2.50		
		" Joseph Hand	" " " 138 1.31	36	31
		U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans, Treasurer's Office 31st Decr 1842		$ 6.860	43

Dr. The United States for the "House Expenses" of the Branch Mint New Orleans, as paid to the following persons from the 1st. of October to 31st. December 1842, inclusive, in pursuance of Warrants of the Superintendent of the marginal dates & numbers; viz:

1842		Nos.			Dolls	Cts
Nov.	9	477	Cantin Durand & Co	for Candles & oil for the mint	114	22
		484	P. B. Tyler	Expenses incurred a/c of the mint	25	40
	10	490	J. A. Lacroix	Lard, candles &c for the Melting dept.	48	19
		497	A. W. Wagner	Candles, oil &c for Coining dept	85	52
	15.	506	Wm. Downer	Painting in the Melting dept	37	25
Dec.	6	516	J. L. Warner	Ice furnished the mint in Summer	67	00
	7	517	F. Vraeple	Glazing in the mint	19	00
	9	518	J. Connelly & M. Lewis	Piling Coal in Mint Yard	24	00
	10	522	John Carroll	day Watch &c in Octr & Novr.	101	66
		523	W. Parks & G. Clamann	Porter & doorkeeper in do & do	223	66
		524	Wm. Whitney & others	Watching the mint in do & do	437	16
	12	526	Philip Smyth	Piling Coal in the yard of the mint	24	00
	29	539	George Tove	Carpenters Work in the mint	53	00
		541	John J. Schaw	Oil for Coining dept.	33	30
	31	547	Wm. Whitney	Watching the mint in December	222	16
		548	G. Clamann & W. Parks	Porter & doorkeeper in do	113	67
		549	J. F. Girault	Expenses incurred acct. of the mint	147	82
		550	John Carroll	day Watch & yard labour in Decr.	57	67
					$ 1.828	68

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurers Office December 31st. 1842

From
M. W. Baldwin
Jan 23 /43.

—

Information was given to me that Mr. William Tyler died, at the New Orleans Mint, on the morning of the 13th inst., of consumption.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans January 17. 1843

Sir,

I was prevented, in the first instance, from sending you the accounts of the Melter and Coiner, presented at the end of the year, in consequence of not having received the necessary statement and certificate relative to the grains and sweeps, and afterwards, by sickness in my family, one member of which (my wife) is still confined to her bed. — I have concluded to enclose those documents without any further delay, and must request your indulgence, if an interval of a few days should now occur, before you receive the remarks I have to make in relation to them and to other business concerning our Mint.

All the dies mentioned in your letter of the 5th instant have come to hand. Mr. Tyler asks for 3 tail 1/2 dollar Dies and 1 tail Eagle, as soon as they can be finished, and for 2 tail 1/2 Eagles and 2 do 1/4 Eagles as soon thereafter as convenient. —

Respectfully
Yr. obedt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of the Mint of the U. S.
Philada

From
Jos. M. Kennedy,
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
Jan. 17/43.

Rec'd. 30th.

Dr. The Treasurer of the Branch Mint New Orleans, in account with the Melter & Refiner, Gold. Cr.

1842			Ounces	dec	1842			Ounces	dec
Decr	31	To Am't of Gold Ingots delivered to to him during the year 1842.	47.881	400	Decr	31	By Gold Bullion rec'd from him during the year 1842.	57.004	342
"	"	" Am't of Gold Bullion delivered him this day, in settlement	9.036	001					
"	"	" Net amount of Gold in Sweep & Grains, as per Assayer's certificate.	10	941					
"	"	" Wastage	76	000					
			57.004	342				57.004	342

Postage 1/2 At

Melter & Refiner's Office
December 31. 1842.
(Signed) J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

Recd. Jan. 30. '43.

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
January 26. 1843

Sir;

I have sent, by this day's mail, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the request, that he will transmit the same to you, under his frank, a package containing the assay coin taken from deliveries made at this Mint in 1842, after the resumption of our operations. A memorandum thereof is enclosed.

You will also find, herewith forwarded, a copy of a letter from the Treasurer to Mr. Tyler, upon the subject of the gold accounts, and proposing, on the part of the Melter & Refiner, a basis, for the settlement of a deficiency in the Coiner's gold a/c, which (being a modification of one suggested by me) met with the concurrence of the latter, as well as the approval of the other Officers. I did not myself communicate to you the existence of that deficiency, which was known to me about the middle of December, for fear of creating in you, an alarm, which, I felt sure, would turn out to be a false one. Dr. Riddell was making daily examinations of *his* gold, each of which led to the discovery of an additional excess, and I thought it prudent to wait until the end of the year (then so near at hand) when, upon the settlement of the Melter and Refiner's account, the entire surplus of gold, in his hands would be ascertained - When this took place Mr. Tyler was credited with 278.222 oz. (the amount of Dr. Riddell's excess and Wastage) and thus, both Officers, with a Wastage considerably short of that limited by law, have accounted for all the gold delivered to them in 1842. I saw no other mode in which the matter could be settled - That the aggregate amount of Wastage claimed was actually made, I have no doubt, but I think also, that Dr. Riddell's must have greater - This belief is based upon the fact of his having had a very large proportion of Gold that required parting. Mr. Tyler, however, was satisfied with the arrangement, and I assented to it.

I have asked for the opinions of my associates in the Mint, as to the probable manner in which this error (which is attributed to the displacing of some parcel of bullion by the Porter during one of the transfers) has occurred, and will communicate them to you should you desire it; altho, they can rest upon nothing but conjecture. The thing is to guard against a recurrence of that error, and that we will do so, I think I can promise you.

I hold our Sweeps subject to your order, for I see no prospect of disposing of them here. Shall I ship them to New York as before, the purchaser to settle for the same with you?

Is there any means of testing the accuracy of the amount claimed for Wastage? That in the Silver accounts, Mr. Tyler's particularly, is very large.

Provided it be within the legal limits, I do not see how I could withhold my warrant therefor, without casting an imputation upon the honesty of the Officer.

I am Sir, very respectfully
Yr. obedt. Servant.
J M Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philadelphia

I beg you to excuse the appearance of this letter – It was accidentally torn after being finished, and too long to be recopied in time for the mail –

Trans/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Jan. 26. 1843.
Recd - Feb. 7.

Mint U.S. Jan 27/43.

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d, with the accompanying bills for planchets.

The deductions made by us for short weight are such as we find from actual weighing of the invoices, and have no relation to the weights of the individual planchets. There can be no doubt that the weights you use are too light, — probably from wear.

Our purchase of planchets for gold & silver funds must depend upon an experiment now under trial at New Orleans, and of the ~~success~~ result of which I am not yet informed. The Treasurer of the Mint there thinks it will succeed, — the Superintendent thinks it will not. If the use of copper coins can be introduced fully in the great region of which New Orleans is the commercial capital, the demand for your planchets will be greatly increased, and of course payment for them will be made in ordinary funds.

R. M. P.
Dr

To/
Messrs. Crocker, Bros. & Co.
Taunton,
Mass.

To/ Crocker, Bros., & Co.
Taunton,
Mass.

Jan. 27/43.

My dear Sir

I have not had this pleasure for some time nor have I any of your valued letters unanswered.

The business of the Mint for the past month has been small in the way of Coinage - while the deposites of Gold have been very large. and today $123.000 in French gold Coins were deposited. Our tardy operations have called forth some expressions of dissatisfaction from the Banks who since the delays experienced in 1838 & 9 are not over confiding in our stability. The Bank of Lous^{a} has now in English French Gold Coins 650.000 $ all of which we are to coin. When we have paid back a part of what we now owe her.

Dr Riddle complains about the S^{o} American doubloons; all of which he separates. Do you find the same inconvenience in the Mint at Philad^{a}?

Mr Kennedy informed me yesterday that he intended to leave here today or tomorrow for Washington City. I recommended him, by all means, to visit you before his return, but he seemed to be uncertain as to whether he would do so or not. I have heard today thro' Dr Riddell that Dr Carpenter has received some recent assurance from Washington that he will be Commissioned Superintendent, unless rejected by the Senate. If so it does not matter much, as to us here. whether Mr K visit you or not. If to remain, I trust he will see you before his return. He no doubt has written you fully in regard to a deficiency of Gold which was discovered in the Coiner's department and an excess in that of the Melter & Refiner. As I am concerned indirectly in this matter and not having seen the ~~letter~~ copy of the Superintendent's communication I will make a few remarks respecting this unfortunate error.

The error must have been made soon after the middle of November. At that time Dr Riddell came to me one morning and enquired if my gold &c was right. if I had given him more French coins than were charged. ~~That~~ his gold was more than he should have. the amount he did not state - but to my enquiries said it was more than 100 ounces - more than 200. and abt 300, he did not know exactly. I examined & found my gold correct, when, he said that probably he had been mistaken. Afterwards the Coiner informed me that he was 300 ounces short. My letter, of a recent date to the Supt. explains the basis of a settlement that has since been made. In that letter, at his request, I had given my opinion as to how the error had occurred and my reasons for that opinion - but as Mr Kennedy considered my language respecting the weigh master and a porter, who is now door keeper, was arraigning him before you for keeping improper persons in the Mint - and as such was not my wish or intention I withdrew the letter.

I sent you some time since copies of my ordinary accounts. The bullion accounts left here this morning Copy will be forwarded soon to you. I notice the appr that has been made. Our wise Congressmen seem not to have supposed that we were making $6500. loss by wastage in one year when they put down 8000 for contingent expenses & wastage. what can we do:- how can we pay expenses with the amount of money appropriated?

Dr Riddell's brother, who was foreman in the Melting department left the Mint sometime ago. I believe that the Dr will have no trouble in getting ~~an~~ a man as well qualified to fill his place.

please to consider this letter unofficial and confidential and believe me

very sincerely

your faithful servant

A Cammack

February 1. 1843

To Dr R. M. Patterson.

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I send a newspaper giving ~~the~~ the judgement against the two men who were in the Mint.

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To Doctor R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint.
New Orleans.
Feb. 1. 1843.
Recd. " 14. "

Mint of the United States
Feb. 1, 1843.

Sir,

Your communication of the 17th ult. was received on the 30th. I await your promised letter with regard to the ~~settlements~~ accounts of the Coiner and the Melter & Refiner, before I present my views upon the subject.

My object, then, in writing to-day, relates to another matter, with respect to which I begin to feel no small uneasiness. It is that we have not yet received your Coins reserved for the Annual Assay since you resumed operations in the autumn, nor have we received any notice respecting them. Yet a whole month has expired since the close of the year. I fear they have miscarried, for I can imagine no sufficient reason for so long a delay. I hope the coins may be on the road, for it is not likely that all your packages have been stolen.

The annual assay takes place on the 13th inst. If your reserved coins be not received we shall be much embarrassed in our proceedings.

R. M. P.
Dr

W/

Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Superintendent of Branch Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Feb. 1/43.

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Statement of Gold and Silver Bullion and Coins on hand 3 February 1843.

Melter and Refiner . .	Gold	22252	197	Silver	68.770.	85
Coiner	do	7.701.	240	do	56.477	30
Treasurer . .	do	8268	800	do	69.371.	50
do ——— Coins	do	$ 1678	92	do $	33262	33
	Oz.	38.222	237	Oz.	194.619	65

Deposites of Gold received since 1st October 1842.

	Sovereigns		French		SA Doubloons		Mexn Doubloons		Bars Fine Gold		Other descripns	
	943.	595	288	598	130	157	120	000	225	614	664	472
	1238	193	538	451	3014	592	1222	705	318	466		
	160	934	266	923	1226	246	444	594	424	430		
	2411	467	82	598	83	964	259	655	206	898		
	58	276	804	165	893	229	40	000				
	1732	695	481	494	43	588	812	250				
	589	266	85	269	2141	490	532	492				
	523	910	1654	040	1476	549	541	196				
	240	318	4970	017	2771	839	573	440				
	3113	635			1962	194	270	234				
	3372	457			1607	025						
	524	500			303	167						
	210	615										
	1028	086										
	1302	024										
	1302	329										
	1301	963										
	1301	902										
	1302	156										
Ounces –	22658	321	9.171	555	15.654.	040	4.816	566	1.175	408	664	472

New Orleans 4 February 1843

Dear Sir

Annexed is a memorandum of the bullion now in the Branch Mint here, and a statement of the gold bullion deposited since our resumption. This was made out for my own satisfaction and as you are always pleased to receive information of our operations I send you a copy.

I am, very sincerely
your obt servant
H. C. Cammack

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson.

Some friends of Dr Carpenter's here have taken occasion to say to me that he is a gentleman of great respectability & character. I mention this in consequence of a conversation I had with you last summer.

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. &c.
New Orleans.

Feb. 4. 1843,
Recd. ~ 18. ~

Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.-

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Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurers office 6 february 1843.

To Dr R. M. Patterson
Director
Philadelphia

Sir

I have to day received a letter from Mr Kennedy dated Mobile 4th february in which he mentions that some business to which his personal attn is indispensable calls him from the City, he requests me to furnish you with the statement of the operations of the Mint for January, which I now have the honor to enclose.

The Coiner informs me that he is much in want of some Gold dies, for which, I understand, the superintendent has already written.

I am, with great respect,
your very faithful obt St
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer

From H. C. Cammack,
Treas. &c.
New Orleans.
Feb. 6. 1843.
Recd. — 18. "

(January Report.)

Branch Mint N. Orleans
Treasurers Office 7 feby 1843

To Dr R. M. Patterson

Sir

Mr Tyler has just furnished me with a memorandum of the dies which he has on hand, and which are as follow.

Gold. 1 head die for Eagles 1843. No tail to match
the tail sent with this having been used in 1842.

2 head dies for qr. Eagles - no tail at all.

3. head half eagles. 1843. no tail at all

Silver - 2 half dollar head dies '43 1. tail much worn.

3. pair quarter dollar dies 1843 Complete.

of dime & half dime dies, a large supply.

The Coiner has $50000 in qr Eagle planchets & coins which cannot be delivered until he get a supply of dies. The Coiner intends to alter the size of the Eagle die for '43 & cannot fit the head he has on hand to the tail die that was used with the one of 42 in december. We are now using last years

Eagle dies - which are the only ones available for gold. Mr Tyler, therefore, request to have, including, of course any now on the way, the following dies

Eagle. 2 tail & 1 head
Ha: eagle - 3. tail
qr. eagle 3 tail
Half Dollar 3 tail.

These gold dies he thinks will answer for the year.

I am, sir
Your mo obt servant
A. C. Cammack

From / H. C. Cammack,
Treas. &c.
New Orleans.
Feb. 7. 1843.
Recd. " 20. "

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

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U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 7th. February 1843.

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson

Sir:

Mr. Tyler has just furnished me with a memorandum of the dies which he has on hand & which are as follows.

Gold. 1 Head die for Eagles 1843. no tail to match, the tail sent with this having been used in 1842.
2 Head dies for Qr. Eagles, no Tail at all
3 Head Half Eagles 1843. no Tail at all
Silver. 2 Half doll. Head dies '43. 1 Tail much worn
3 Pair Quarter doll. dies 1843. complete.
Of Dime & 1/2 dime dies a large supply.

The Coiner has $50,000. in Qr. Eagle Planchets & coins which cannot be delivered until he gets a supply of dies. The Coiner intends to alter the size of the Eagle die for 43. & cannot fit the Head he has on hand to the tail die that was used with the one of '42. in December. We are now using last year's Eagle dies, which are the only ones available for Gold.

Mr. Tyler, therefore, requests to have, including of course any now on the way, the following dies.

Eagle.	2 Tail & 1 Head
Half Eagle	3 Tail
Quarter Eagl	3 Tail
Half doll	3 Tail

these Gold dies he thinks will answer for the year.

I am Sir. Your mo: Obt Servt

(signed) H. C. Cammack Treasr.

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U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office February 18th 1843.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director

Sir:

The Coiner being in very great need of dies, Mr. Cammack has seen fit to send you the duplicate, for fear the original should not reach you, of a letter addressed to you by him on the 7th instant.

I, therefore, agreeably to his request, he being out of town to day, forward the same herewith.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your Faithful & Obt Servt
J. Francis Graviet
Tr. C.

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. &c.
New Orleans.
Feb. 17. 1843.
Recd. Mar. 1. —

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint.
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Statement of Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, during the month of January 1843.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting Ounces	dec	Standard Weight Ounces	dec	Value before deductions Dollars	Cts	Value after deductions Dollars	Cts	Total Value before deductions Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	20.135	33	20.174	335	375.336	45	375.336	45		
Foreign Bullion	1.152	69	1.233	853	22.955	41	22.914	87		
									398.291	86
Silver										
Foreign Coins	39.711	95	39.573	98	46.049	72	46.049	72		
Foreign Bullion	1.728	75	1.723	13	2.005	09	2.004	16		
									48.054	81
							Total Deposites		$446.346	67

Coinage.

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value Dollars	cts	Total Value Dollars	cts
Gold.					
None.					
Silver					
Half Dollars.	48.000	24.000	00		
				24.000	00
Total Coinage				$24.000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office January 31st 1843.
H. Cammack
Trsr.

New Orleans February 10. 1843.

Sir

I have this day received a note from the Melter & Refiner in which he says that he is sorry to apprize me that the Nitric acid received some months since is exhausted, and that he has heard nothing of another supply in answer to his requisition of the 12 december, and that the separating has to stop unless a purchase can be made in the City. He has on hand 9264 $\frac{611}{1000}$ ounces of South American doubloons, with which he cannot progress in making Ingots for Coinage without acid.

We have not heretofore been able, at any time, to find in the City more than one or two Carboys - and cannot expect to purchase more here at this time, if any at all, therefore, without knowing what arrangements have been made by the Superintendent, desire that you may be apprized of these facts - in order that any orders given by him may be hastened forward.

There are very large quantities of S. A. doubloons held here by the Banks, which are intended for Coinage and 25 or 30 Carboys of acid will be but a moderate supply for us, and considering the impossibility of getting any here - this quantity might with propriety be even doubled.

Most respectfully
Your obt servant
H. C. Cammack

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson.

Dr. Riddell thinks that some acid has been ordered from a Mr Lennen. Manufacturer.

From H. C. Cammack,
Treasurer,
New Orleans.
Feb. 10. 1843.
Recd. — 22. —

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

New Orleans February 20. 1843.

dear Sir

Our City to day has been in great Commotion once more by a run on our Banks. This morning the Commercial Bank did not open her doors: this caused a want of confidence in the other Banks to spread and the lower order of our population immediately drew specie for all the Bank notes which they held. No other Bank has stopped and it is to be hoped that none will - but some of them are known to have but little specie and the run on them may place them in a position that will subject them to be closed by the Board of Currency.

The two strong Banks. "Louisiana" and "Mechanics & Traders" have large sums deposited in the Mint for Coinage. I do not think that their position will require them to be paid to sustain themselves. I am however sorry to find that they were paying out Mexican Dollars for the want of american Coins.

We are suffering much for the want of dies at the Mint - We can make only quarter dollars, - and Eagles - the latter with the die of 1842. We are too, without acid, not having been able to make any purchase here. These detentions are unfortunate now while there are such large amounts of foreign Coins in our City - but which are moving, slowly but regularly into the Country. Yesterday 188.000 Dolls arrived here from Tampico.

The Coinage this month has been, delivered, $150.375 in Gold and 58.000 in Silver. Mr Tyler has about 100.000 in Gold to deliver tomorrow, and he can deliver 60000 more in half a day after he get quarter Eagle die as written for.

Mr Clay visited the mint a few days before he went away. He had been invited by the officers of Mint to do so before Mr Kennedy left town and was requested to notify them before hand. It seems that he did so by letter addressed to Mr Kennedy through the post office, but as Mr Kennedy's letters are received by his Brother, we did not know of the intended visit, and were taken by surprize on Saturday, which is washing day. Mr Clay however seemed pleased, but said he was not yet satisfied of the necessity of of more Mints than one in the U. States, but that if two were required this should be one of them, and that the propriety of continuing it depended much on the extent of the Coinage and the expense of it as compared with the mother Mint.

On the 1st proximo I will receive 100.000 to be added to our fund for purchasing bullion for Coinage. This will help us much.

I am yours sincerely

HG Cammack

Dr Patterson

From / H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Feb. 20. 1843.
Recd. Mar. 4. —

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To Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

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Unofficial.

New Orleans 24. february 1843.

dear Sir

After two or three failures, the mail arrived here this Morning in due course but without bringing any thing from you.

The deposites of Gold in the Mint yesterday and today have been as follows

		ounces. dec
By the Mechanics & Trader's Bank	Sovereigns —	1.665.60
	French Gold —	1450.15
	German & Am^{n}. Coins —	1.323.25
Bank Louisiana	French Coins —	11.978.20
		16.417.20

Mr Tyler has deliver to me since I wrote to you last 120.000 dollars in Eagles. He continues to use the die of '42. the impressions from it, however, are not as good as we could desire. The receipts of Specie into New Orleans since the first of October are 5.683.577 dollars, most of which has been in foreign Coins - and all from England and france in Gold: Exchange on England has gone down below par and on New York to 5% discount, so that we may expect a continuation of the import of Specie.

American

Gold has gone up to 1 to 1½ per cent premium and will probably continue at that rate which will induce all holders of foreign gold to press it into the Mint for Coinage. There is, therefore, every prospect of having a large supply of Bullion to work upon for a long time to come. and I hope by the operations of this year ~~to prove~~ the capability and usefulness of this branch Mint will be fully proved.

I hope that we have some acid on the way.

I have not received your account for last quarter. Will you do me the favor to send it to me?

With much respect
I am your faithful
& obt servant
H Cammack

To Doctor R. M. Patterson

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Feb. 24. 1843.
Recd. Mar. 8.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, during the month of February 1843.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting		Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
U. S. Bullion	31	23	32	055	596	38	596	38		
Foreign Bullion	77	69	36	096	857	60	857	60		
Foreign Coins	23.112	40	23.119	348	429.941	35	429.941	35	431.395	33
Silver.										
Foreign Bullion	1.228	35	1.237	06	1.439	48	1.437	26		
Foreign Coins	74.925	70	74.777	77	87.014	14	87.014	14	88.453	62
					Total Deposites				$ 519.848	95

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.					
Quarter Eagles	2.002	5.005	00		
Half Eagles	19.075	95.375	00		
Eagles	35.262	352.620	00	453.000	00
Silver.					
Quarter Dollars	352.000	88.000	00	88000	00
	408,339				
	Total Coinage			$ 541.000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office February 28th 1843.

H. C. Cammack
Treasurer.

Recd. March 15. '43.

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's office 2 Mar: 1843.

Sir

Enclosed herein I have the honor to send you Statement of the deposites and coinage at this mint for the month of February. — If we get the necessary dies in time, we have every reason to expect that we shall do equally well this month.

Already the Melter & Refiner has some 9.000 ounces of Gold Ingots ready for delivery to the coiner. as well as some Silver Ingots. and bullion, both Gold and Silver, can be procured now to any amount that we can work. Exchange on England has gone down to 2½ per cent discount. this must cause large amounts of Gold Coins to be imported from that country, as well as from France.

With much respect
Your faithful Servant
A. C. Cammack
Treasurer.

To Dr. R. M. Patterson

From H. C. Cammack,
Treas. &c
New Orleans.
March 2. 1843
Recd. — 15. —
(February Report.)

Philadelphia, March 4th, 1843.

Dear Sir,

I have just recieved your letter of the 30th ult., and have been truly sorry to learn from it and from the public papers, that there is again trouble among your banks. We have always found, here, that bank suspensions affect, very sensibly, the amount of coinage at the Mint. But, assuredly, all your banks that deserve to stand must be able to bear the run now made upon them. The importations of specie are large, and this has been evidenced in an increased in an increase of our business at the Mint. The following comparison of the amount of deposite in the first two months of 1841, 1842 & 1843, will show this fact.

	1841	1842	1843
Silver	$43,083.70	$97,364.97	$459,720.34
Gold	61,838.33	104,776.72	251,731.68
	104,922.03	203,141.69	711,452.02

I hope that you will have a full supply of dies before you get this letter. Mr Dunning will add a postscript as to the supply of your requisitions for dies, acids, &c.

A severe case of illness in my family, which terminated fatally five weeks ago, prevented, I fear, a proper attention, on my part to your correspondence.

I remember that you made inquiry as to the discordance between the legal and the Mint valuation of foreign Coins. For the true value, you have all the information that you can require, or that I can give, in the "Manual of Coins" of Mess. Eckfeldt & Dubois. and as to the false legal value, I am happy to say that it no longer exists, a law having just passed which puts all this matter right.

For the statements of accounts, and for the various other interesting & important information which you have furnished me with, from time to time, I sincerely thank you.

If Mr. Kennedy be at Washington, I have not learned the fact, from him or from any other source. I can hardly think it possible that he would go to Washington, and not visit me, or at least write to me, if he be assured of maintaining his place.

I pray you to continue to write to me freely & fully as heretofore.

Very respectfully &
faithfully yours,
(Signed) "R. M. Patterson

To
H. C. Cammack, Esq.

P.S. - A bill of lading is enclosed for 15 carboys of Acid shipped on the 1st inst. by Mess. Fan & Co., who state that it has been delayed till this time for want of a vessel.

The following dies have been sent:

Feb. 22, 1 pr. Eagle dies; 23, 2 tail ¼ eagle dies.

March 2, 2 tail ½ " "; 3.d 2 tail ½ doll. dies; 4th, 1 pr. Eagle dies.

We shall send tomorrow 1 tail ½ doll., & 1 head Eagle

To/ A. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer Br Mint
New. Orleans

March 4, 1843.

Unofficial

New Orleans March 8. 1843.

dear Sir

Without any of your valued Communications
to acknowledge I write merely to say that I have
perused your letter to Mr Kennedy of the 25. ultimo &
am glad to find that our Coins had passed
the annual assay and had been found correct.
I notice that the gold Coins are returned 900.5 and
have caused an examination to be made of the
title of the Gold Ingots delivered during the year to
ascertain if the title of them corresponds with that of
the Coins. When completed I will report the result. I
do this to prove our assays as we may have all our
gold assays, possibly, a fraction high. French Coins
of 1842. we find 899. The "Manual" leads us to
expect them to be 900. Mr Kennedy returned yesterday
and, I am happy to say, is satisfied now that no effort
will be made against his remaining in office.

We have received one pair of Eagle and two tail of qr
Eagle dies. With assurances of respect and
esteem believe me, truly
Yr. faithful Servant
H Cammack

Dr Patterson.

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

March 8. 1843
Recd — 20. —

From
Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
N. Orleans.
March 28. 1843
Recd. April 11. "

Mint of the U. S.
March 17. 1843.

Sir,

I send enclosed my account with you for the two last quarters. The first was delayed in consequence of the sickness of my Clerk, Mr. Dunning.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your very gratifying report for February. The coinage of all the four Mints, in that Month, was \$785,897½, — the deposites \$891,394.

All the dies for which you have applied, have been forwarded to you.

I have heard nothing of or from Mr. Kennedy.

R. M. P.

To/

H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

P.S. We sent you on the 7th inst., thro' the Sec. of Treasury, Box No. 16, containing 1 tail ½ dollar, & 1 head Eagle die; and on the 8th, a box containing annealing cups for Dr. Hort.

To/
H. C. Cammack,
Treas. &c
New Orleans.
March 17. 1843.

(Copy)

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office –
March 17th, 1843.

Sir,

Your accounts of Gold and Silver Bullion for the 4th qr: of 1842, are suspended in this Office, for an explanation of the causes that may have produced so great an amount of Wastage, in the operations of the Mint, as that charged by the Coiner and Melter & Refiner for 1842; and which appears excessive when compared with the amount of Wastage charged at the Philadelphia Mint, during the same period; and the more so, when we refer to the fact, that whenever the Assays at Philadelphia differ from those at New Orleans, such difference is uniformly against the Depositor of Bullion at the latter place –

The Wastage of Gold at Philadelphia is less than $\frac{5}{10.000}$ on the Bullion purchased
Whilst that at New Orleans is nearly $\frac{4}{1000}$ on do
The Wastage of Silver at Philadelphia is less than $\frac{14}{10.000}$ on do
Whilst that at New Orleans is more than $\frac{46}{10,000}$ on do

When you shall have satisfactorily explained the differences aforementioned, the Bullion accounts will be adjusted, and the balance of Profit & Loss, at the end of the Year, transferred to Silver Coinage —

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt,
Wm McCulloch
Comptroller,

Horace C. Cammack Esqr
Treasurer of the Mint
New Orleans —

Recd. March 20. 1843.

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office -
March 17th 1843.

Sir,

I enclose for your information a copy of letter addressed this day to Horace C. Cammack Esq: Treasurer of the Mint, New Orleans, respecting the amount of Wastage charged for the Year 1842; which, although it is within the legal limits, appears to be excessive. The following statement shows the amount of Bullion, purchased at that Mint, during the Year 1842, and the Wastage charged thereupon.

Gold Bullion Oz: 31.630-585 . Wastage Oz: 123-857-
Silver do Oz: 801.510-1 . do Oz: 3.732-32-

When the reply of Mr: Cammack is received, I shall submit it for your Consideration and advice -

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J W McCulloh
Comptroller.

Robert M. Patterson Esqr.
(Director of the Mint. Philadelphia -)

From
J. W. McCulloh, Esq.
Comptroller Treasury.
March 17. 1843
Recd ″ 20. ″

Treasury Department
Comptroller Office March 17th 1843

Sir

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Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Signed) J W McCulloh
Comptroller

Horace C Cammack Esqr
Treasurer of the Mint
New Orleans

Recd. Apr. 11.'43.

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Treasury Department
March 18. 1843.

Sir

By the statement received, of the Deposites and Coinage at the Mint and branches during the Month of February last, it appears that there was coined at the Mint in Philadelphia in dollar pieces $25500 - and at the Mint and the Branch at N. Orleans, in Eagle pieces, $398.520.

It appears to me very desirable that the coinage of both silver & gold be confined, as far as practicable, to pieces of the smaller denominations - and I beg leave, therefore, to suggest that, (unleſs otherwise desired by the depositors of the bullion) the silver coinage be confined to pieces of the denomination of 50 cents and under - and the gold coins to half and quarter eagles - as being more convenient for ordinary purposes and leſs likely to be collected for exportation, particularly the quarter Eagles.

I remain very Respy

J. C. Spencer
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada.

From/

Sec. of Treasury.

March 18. 1843.

Recd. " 20. —

Phila.da March 18th. 1843.

Dr. Patterson;

Dear Sir; — I have at various times called at the Mint to see you, in order to state my case to you; but not being able to have an interview, I would take this opportunity of addressing you to inform you, that I should not have left the Mint to go to New Orleans if I had the least thought of not returning to my old vocation in the Mint.

I have not been able to procure employment of any kind since my return; save two weeks. So urgent, and extreme is my case at the present time, that I have been obliged to run in debt for the common necessaries of life; and am also greatly in need of clothing this inclement weather.

If you should wish to know any thing in relation to the Melting apartment in New Orleans, I will tell you, (which you have never heretofore asked me.)

If you would furnish me with a situation I would be extremely obliged.

I am sincerely destitute, and am even at the present time deprived of the common necessaries of life. During the last three days I have not tasted a morsel of food to satisfy the cravings of nature. I would, in, short be extremely thankful for employment of any kind: I have searched the city through, and am not able to procure work of any kind

Dear Sir, — I would wish you to present this paper to the officers of the Institution. If I have been the least in fault, I would wish you, to explain such to me, and I will make all reparations in my power.

If I have been the least in fault, it shall for future be avoided. If, as has been intimated that I have been frequently called on for the payment of small bills, a close is put to that, I am free, and wish not to deceive any man.

A consideration. I have been at the expense of boarding for 3 years in succession myself and three children; A dollar per week for each child which is no inconsiderate sum during that time.

People do not take into considerations all the above things I would be a thousand times obliged to you if you would give me a situation, if ever only for one month, and save me from the emergency of becoming an inmate of the Alms House.

Yours Respectfully,
George Lewis.

I am obliged to take this course, otherwise, I would not.

If I could get work any where else, I would not.

Mr. Patterson, Esq.
U. S. Mint.
Phila.

From
Mr. Geo. Lewis.
Phila.
March 18/43.
Recd. 20th.

New Orleans March 19/43

Dr Patterson

You will please accept my thanks and gratefull acknowledgements for your kindness in writing to the Superintendant of the U S Mint of Orleans respecting my application for a situation in that establishment   Archd Cooper

I have not as yet procured an appointment but Mr Tyler has let me know that in all pobability he will be able to give me employment shortly   Yours Respectfully

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From Archd. Cooper,
New Orleans.
March 19. 1843
Recd. April 3.

April 1843

Mint U.S.
March 20 / 43.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst., in regard to the denominations of coins struck at the Mints at Philadelphia and New Orleans.

As to silver coins, there is no difficulty in conforming to your wishes, and indeed this is virtually done at present. At New Orleans no dollar-pieces have yet been struck; and in February all the silver coinage was in quarter-dollars. In the same month only one sixth of our silver coinage was in dollars, which were ~~coined~~ struck at the beginning of the month; and none have been coined since.

As to gold coins, there is a difficulty in the way which I hope it will be in your power to remove. Our deposits of gold are now very considerable, and the demand for the earliest possible returns in coins is always very urgent. Now these returns can be made much sooner in eagles than in the smaller pieces, and it is for this reason that they are preferred by the depositors. The appropriate remedy is to increase ~~in quantity~~ the deposite of the United States at the Mint. It now stands as follows; ~~at the Mint~~.

Of Silver $150,056.78
Of Gold 54,904.16

Now the deposite of gold is much too small to answer the important purpose of enabling us to make prompt ~~payment~~ returns for the bullion left for coinage. We have at this time ~~about~~ $165,000 of gold deposits unpaid, and the Treasurer has but $10,000 ~~in his~~ of gold coins in his vault; so that there is more than $200,000 worth of gold in the hands of the Melter & Refiner and the Coiner, passing through the numerous processes required for the conversion of metal into coin. It will be found in various forms: in bars, in granulated flakes with silver, in standard ingots, in strips, in clippings, in filings, in planchets, &c. While the Mint is in operation much of the bullion must always be in this state of transition; and for the prompt payment of depositors, the government deposite ought to be equal to the bullion thus under operation.

It would therefore be very desirable that our gold deposite should be increased at least $100,000. It is for you to judge whether it would suit the department to take this step at the present time. ~~I have reason to believe that a draft on any of the government depositories, here or in New York, could be promptly cashed paid in gold at the Mint. When the banks suspended payments in 1837, the govern U.S. deposite at the Mint was very large, and was found to be a resource of no small importance to the government.~~

The ~~amount~~ present course of exchange causes a large amount of gold to be carried to New Orleans, and, in consequence, the deposites of this metal for coinage at the Mint there are much increased. I do not know the amount of their ~~public~~ U.S. deposite at this time, but I have no doubt that it is also deficient. — I will communicate to the Superintendent your wishes as to ~~the denominations~~ a selection of the smaller denominations for the gold coinage.

~~R.M.P.~~
~~D.~~

Your instructions ~~as~~ with regard to the assay of the foreign coins made current by the act of March 3, 1843, shall be attended to.

R.M.P.
D.

To
Hon. John C. Spencer
Sec. of Treasury.

P.S. – In looking over this letter it has occurred to me that my statement of the large amount of gold deposits in the Mint unpaid might lead you to infer that there ~~was~~ had been some unnecessary delay in our operations. I think it proper therefore to mention that the earliest of these deposits was made on the 10th instant,

March 20. 1843.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

Mint U. S.
March 21/43.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. regarding the amount of wastage claimed by the Melter & Refiner and the Coiner of the New Orleans Mint, for the year 1842.

I had already been made acquainted, ~~with~~ by the Superintendent and the Treasurer, ~~of~~ with this ~~claim for~~ wastage account, and in a letter of the 22d ult. had presented my views with regard to it. It is certainly very large, though below the ~~limits~~ legal limits: the Coiner's wastage being exactly half a thousandth below, both for gold & silver; ~~as~~ the Melter's 3/4 th below for silver, and 2/3 th for gold, - but not exactly.

You have presented to the Officers of the New Orleans Mint a comparison between their wastage and ours. ~~I did the same thing; and the view which I took of it~~ In the letter above referred to, I did the same thing as follows:

"Wastage		Philadelphia.		New Orleans	
Melter —	Silver	0.475	th	1.23	th
	Gold	0.000	"	1.33	"
Coiner —	Silver	0.410	"	1.5	"
	Gold	0.327	"	1.	"

"At Charlotte & Dahlonega, as well as at Philadelphia, the Melter & Refiner's wastage on gold was nothing."

"With a coinage of $2,626,351, our whole wastage was $2,602; with a coinage of $1,295,750, your wastage was $6,647. — If ~~your~~ our wastage had been proportional to yours, it would have exceeded the actual amount claimed by $7,418."

The wastage accounts of the New Orleans Mint have ~~always~~ ~~again~~ been, ~~too~~ before, a source of great anxiety and of ~~much~~ correspondence, ~~trouble~~ — especially in the department of the Melter & Refiner. For the years 1840 & 1841, Dr Riddell's ~~claim~~ ~~allowance for~~ claim for wastage of gold averaged 1.6 ths; and for silver it was 2 ths, or the full limit of the law.

I cannot hope that your letter to the Treasurer will bring any satisfactory explanation of this large wastage. The representations of the officers concerned, as to its amount, must be received, — for the case does not admit of any other evidence. ~~They may have dishonest men in their employ, but they have not shown that they entertain any~~ such ~~suspicion of them~~. The only guards on which your Department can depend are the limits set by the law, and the characters of the Officers placed in trust.

R. M. P.

J. W. McCulloh, Esq.
Comptroller of Treasury.

To/ J. W. McCulloh,
Comptr. Treasury.

March 21. 1843.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans March 28. 1843

Sir,

The following dies have come to hand, since those, the receipt of which has been acknowledged.

In Box No. 10 1 pr. of Eagle dies
" " " 12 2 tail 1/4 Eagle "
" " " 13 2 tail 1/2 Eagle "
" " " 14 2 tail 1/2 dollar "
" " " 15 1 pr. Eagle "
" " " 16 1 Eagle head and 1/2 doll tail die.

We have also recd. Dr. Mott's annealing cups, and 15 Carboys Acid.

I am requested to order

For the Assay Department
"1 Carboy pure nitric acid for Gold Assays"

For Melting Department
From 25 to 50 Additional Carboys nitric acid
Black lead pots No. 35 4 dozen
" " " 25 4 do
" " " 60 2 do
" Covers " 16 5 do
2 boxes large fire tiles
2 boxes furnace bricks of the following Shape

and for Mr. Tyler
2 Extra tail Eagle dies.

I am further requested by the last named Officer to say, that to the large amount of work, which, for some time past, has been done in his department, is to be ascribed the fact of the old dies not having yet been cancelled. I will send you my report upon that subject, together with the Statement of our Operations for March, as soon as possible after the close of the Month.

Upon the subject of the letter to you from the Secretary of the Treasury, a copy of which is contained in your's of the 5th January, I have to state, that in the last four months, the amount of Silver deposited with us for Coinage, is about $200,000, nineteen twentieths of which came from the Banks. These Institutions, so far from wanting the small Coin, refuse even to take quarters, and to the halves which they get, would prefer dollars if we could accommodate them — When they do ask for dimes, or 1/2 dimes, they want them merely for change at their Counters, and are satisfied with one or two thousand dollars' worth, out of a deposite sometimes of fifty thousand dollars. Within the period above mentioned, no individuals have deposited for dimes or 1/2 dimes. They can no longer make any thing by them —

You will oblige me by sending us a copy

of the regulations for your night Watch, and your rules with regard to persons going in and out of your precincts at night.

I am respectfully

Sir,

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
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Yr obed.t Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

P.S. A disposition not to obtrude my own private affairs upon you, so far as to make them the subject of a special letter, has induced to wait, for the communication of what follows, until the first occasion that would present itself to me, to write you upon the affairs of the Mint.

On the 1st of February last, I rec.d a letter from a friend in Washington (a Member of the Senate of the U.S.) informing me that a Move had been made there, which he had reason to fear, was aimed at me — In this it turned out, that he was mistaken — He added that if I lost no time in going on myself, he thought it probable that I might defeat it. I left N. Orleans forty — eight hours afterwards and accomplished my journey on the ninth day. I found a Resolution pending before the Senate, declaring it to be inexpedient for that Body to act

Recd. April 11. '43.

upon any nomination, that had been laid over from the Session preceding. Those of Drs. Carpenter and Bell, (each of them sent in as my Successor,) were in that category. The resolution was adopted, and I was of course thrown back upon the President, as if no nomination to my office had ever been made. Mr. Tyler treated me very kindly. During my third interview with him, he expressed his conviction that I had been misrepresented to him, and (after telling me that I should have gone to see him sooner) made known to me his determination to retain me as Superintendent of the Mint.

The next personal matter about which I desire to confer with you, is my residence in the Mint. I gave it up, at the time of my appointment, as you well know, to Mr. Cammack, who has been occupying it, now nearly four years. This has made, and would continue to make, an annual difference to me of at least $1200. I am now not able to spare it, and my intention is (if you think there would be no impropriety in it) (after giving Mr. C. reasonable notice), to move my own family to the Mint. That the apartments in question are intended for the Supt. appears by a letter from the Secy. of the Treasy. to Mr. Bradford, dated June 13. 1839, but, I have thought it my duty to communicate with you on this subject, in consequence of your having said to me, in one of your first letters, that in giving them up to the Treasurer, I had rendered the Institution a service. In addition to the reasons given above for now wishing to reside in the Mint, I will state, that the distance therefrom to my present dwelling is so great (being about one mile) that it is impossible for me to be there as often thro' the day, as I would desire. I have not yet said a word to Mr. Cammack about it, nor will I do so until I hear from you.

New Orleans 29 March 1843.

Dear Sir

I received in due course your valued letter letter of the 4th instant and today one of 7th with account current for 4 quarter of 1842 and 1 qr of the present year. The dies have all come as advised by you and the acid per Renown was received some days ago - so that we are now at full work again. I trust that you will have some 40 or 50 carboys more of acid on the way. Mr Kennedy mentioned a few days ago that he would request a full supply of it and as our gold deposites continue to be heavy we are fully justified in ordering that quantity. This day we received a deposite from Mr Samuel Nicholson of $121.140.84 in one line - the produce of £25.000 Sovereigns landed this morning from Ship from Liverpool.

Our Coinage this month will, I expect, be somewhere between four & five hundred thousand dollars - mostly gold. and we will, most probably, continue at that rate for some months to come. Most of Banks refuse now to issue Notes under $50 and gold circulates very freely in the place but lately filled by Bank notes.

Enclosed is copy of a letter which I have received today - and which has annoyed me much. I have had trouble enough with the assays and reported titles of Bullion deposited - as well as the wastage - altho' the latter ~~do~~ ought not to be any business of mine; and now am brought in conflict, on these very ~~point~~ heads; with the department! I do not Know how to act - and am quite undetermined what I shall do. It seems to me that the superintendent is the proper person to make the explanations required on this subject.

The allusion made to our low titles of bullion deposited is very mortifying - though you well Know the trouble I have had on this subject as well as the ill will I at one time excited against myself for trying to find out why gold + silver coins of the same coinage were not reported of the same fineness here as they were in philadelphia -

I inclose you part of a french coin of 1842 please to let me Know the title. In haste yours

H Cammack

To Dr Patterson.

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To Doctor
R. M. Patterson
United States Mint
Philadelphia.

From
A. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Mar. 29. 1843
Recd. April 11. "

NEW ORLEANS – 1844

private

New Orleans January 1. 1844.

My dear Sir

I have nothing from you to answer.

The Melter & Refiner and the Coiner have delivered to me the contents of their vaults as required by law & I have made the usual examination - The claim made by them for wastage is as follows

	1843.		In 1842 it was.	
Melter & Refiner	Silver	Gold	Silver	Gold
	2229.50 —	88.078 —	1714.11 —	76.000
Coiner	430.47 —	128.358 —	2018.21 —	47.857
	2.659.97	216.436	3732.31	123.857

$4,026.72

Making the total wastage some 1400 dollars more than it was last year. The Coinage for december was 510.000 $. Making the total Coinage of the year. In Gold - 3.177.000
Silver - 1.391.000 = 4.568.000 Dollars.

The wastage is much more reasonable than it was last year - I would however have liked to see Dr Riddells silver wastage something less.

I cannot attempt to pay this wastage out of the Contingent fund until Congress make a new appropriation. I am sorry that we have not made the Coinage reach 5.000.000. It could have been done if we had not lost October, as well as September.

Some difference of Opinion exists among the officers of the mint as to the propriety of the Melter & Refiner purchasing bullion, old plate &c, from persons coming to the mint with such articles for sale, either when they are under the value of a hundred dollars or over it. I will be much obliged if you will advise me whether such is the practice in your Mint.

I have on two occasions given the value of small parcels of bullion, in Coins, from my vault to poor persons, but it was after the Amount had been ascertained by the Assayer.

I beg, Sir, to offer you the Compliments of the season with my assurances of respect and esteem, and am

Very truly
your faithful Servant
H Cammack

To Doctor R. M. Patterson.

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas Br. Mint
New Orleans.
Jan. 1. 1844
Recd. " 11. "

Doctor R. M. Patterson
U. States Mint
Philadelphia

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U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans January 3d 1844.

Sir,

I enclose statement of our operations, during the last month, and will send you, in a day or two, copies of the accounts presented, at the close of the year, by the Coiner and Melter & Refiner. You shall also receive, without delay, my report of the destruction of our dies for 1843, and the assay coins, taken from deliveries made at this Mint since we resumed business—

I am very respectfully
Sir,
Your obed. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Phila.

From

Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans

Jan. 3. 1844
Recd " 15. "

(December Report.)

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of December 1843.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	12.208	50	12.213	194	227.222	21	227.222	21		
Foreign Bullion	185	81	177	395	3.300	37	3.300	37		
U. States Bullion	342	90	324	029	6.028	45	6.028	45		
									236.551	03
Silver.										
Foreign Coins	96.272	00	95.739	80	111.406	31	111.406	31		
Foreign Bullion	5.609	73	5.742	06	6.681	67	6.681	67		
									118.087	98
					Total Deposites				$354.639	01

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.					
Quarter Eagles	52.000	130.000	″		
Eagles.	22.000	220.000	″		
				350.000	″
Silver					
Half Dollars	320.000	160.000	″		
				160.000	″
	Total Coinage			$510.000	00

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U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office December 31st. 1843.
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer. [illegible]

Mint U. S.
Jan. 6, 1844.

~~Dear~~ Sir,

A protracted ~~an~~ trial, before the District Court, ~~arising from a~~ in the case of the U. S. versus Benezet, formerly a clerk in the Mint, and at which it was necessary that I should be present all the time, has put back some parts of my correspondence, and particularly that with yourself.

In one of your letters you ask for copies of Mess. Eckfeldt & DuBois' Manual of Coins. I communicated your wish to those gentlemen, and ~~I presume that they have attended to it~~ they tell me that a dozen copies are now bound up and will be sent by the first opportunity. You also ask for information as to the value of the parts of Spanish dollars. This you have fully given in the Manual, from which the report which you refer to was taken.

I have ~~taken up~~ had under consideration the question of altering the number of assay coins to be set apart for the annual assay, and have been led to the conclusion that it would not now be proper to ~~alter~~ change the present regulations on this subject. ~~It~~ I hope that your remaining assay-coins will be forwarded without delay.

I am engaged in revising the estimates for ~~the Bran~~ your Mint, and will lay ~~it be~~ them before the Committee of Ways & Means, in a day or two. I hope that the amount of your postage ~~account~~ will be communicated to me ~~at a~~ as soon as it is ascertained.

Ours, with a coinage of $6,530,043.20, stands as follows:

Coins —	Silver —	$1,562.92
	Gold —	1,996.58
Melted —	Silver	3,841.29
	Gold	0.
Total — — — —		7,300.79

You speak of the desire of your depositors of gold to have it coined into eagles. The 31st sect. of the Mint Act of 1837 states that ~~the Treasurer~~ "in the denominations of coin delivered, the Treasurer shall comply with the wishes of the depositor, unless when impracticable or inconvenient to do so." Now it cannot be either impracticable or inconvenient to have ~~the~~ gold ~~deposited~~ coined into eagles; and therefore you cannot refuse to do so, when asked.

I shall write to Mr. Kennedy in the course of two or three days. Will you, in the mean while, mention to him, that we have sent to him, under the frank of the Secretary of the Treasury, twenty boxes of dies, numbered from 1 to 20; the last being forwarded this day.

I send inclosed a statement of my account with your Mint for the quarter ending 30th ult., showing a balance to your credit, on that date, of $91.34.

Your assay coins will put us in funds, after the 12th of February.

R. M. P.
Dr

To/
H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer Branch Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Jan. 6. 1844.

January 1844

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans January 9. 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith statement of the annual settlement with the Coiner and Melter & Refiner, and am

very respectfully
Y. ob. Serv.t
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
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From Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. &c,
New Orleans

Jan. 9. 1844
Recd " 24. "

Silver Coins Reserved for Assaying

1843			Quarter Dollars	Half Dollars	Value	
August	10			20	$ 10	〃
	22		11	42	25	75
	30			40	20	〃
	31			16	8	〃
	〃		4	14	8	〃
Nov	7			8	4	〃
	13			14	7	〃
	18			16	8	〃
	21			4	2	〃
	25			20	10	〃
	30			8	70 4	〃
Dec	7			10	5	〃
	15			9	4	50
	21			8	4	〃
	27			20	10	〃
	30			12	7	〃
		Dimes	15	261	$ 135	25
		30	175	183	138	25
		30	190	444	273	50 ×

List rec^d. Aug 21.

Sixteen packages amounting to One hundred thirty five 25/100 Dollars January 9. 1844

30 dimes = $ 3.00
190 - ¼ dolls. - 47.50
444 - ½ dolls = 222.00
272.50 +

Wm. P. Hort Assayer

H. C. Cammack

Recd. Jan. 24. '44.

Gold Coins Reserved for Assaying

1843		Remarks.	Quarter Eagles	Eagles	Value	
August	31		40		$ 100	″
Nov.	10		40		100	″
"	18		24		60	″
"	25		12		30	″
Dec.	12		40		100	″
"	15		12	6	90	″
"	21			6	60	″
"	30			10	100	″
			168	22	$ 640	″
		List Recd. Aug 21, 43 - ½ eagles 101	200	151	2,515	
		101	368	173	3,155	

Nine packages Amounting to Six hundred and forty Dollars January 9. 1844

Wm. P. Hort Assayer

H. Cammack

Melter & Refiner's Account of Bullion

1843 Decr.	3	Gold	Dr.	316.727	749
			Cr.	314.915	050
			Balance	1.812	699
			Bullion Weighed ℥. 1690.170		
			In grains & Sweep 34.457		
			Wastage 88.078	1.812	699
		Silver	Dr.	2.110.333	31
			Cr.	2.089.022	00
			Balance	21.311	31
			Bullion Weighed ℥. 18164.88		
			In grains & Sweep 916.93		
			Wastage 2.229.50	21.311	31

Treasurer's Office
31 decr. 1843
H. C. Cammack
Tr.

Recd Jan. 24. 44

Coiner's Account of Bullion

1843 Dec.	31	Gold	Dr.	314.916	050
			Cr.	314.458	695
			Balance	457	355
			Bullion weighed oz. 327.497		
			In grains & Sweep 1.500		
			Wastage 128.358	457	355
		Silver	Dr.	2.059.121	50
			Cr.	2.051.637	35
			Balance	7.484	15
			Bullion weighed oz. 6.963.68		
			In grains & Sweep 90.00		
			Wastage 430.47	7.484	15

Treasurer's office
31 december 1843
H Cammack
Jr.

Recd. Jan. 24. 44

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans January 11. 1844

Sir,

Mr. Cammack, at my request, sent this morning, to the Secretary of the Treasury, to be transmitted to you, under his frank the first box of the Assay Coins mentioned in my last letter, and of which a memorandum is enclosed — Another box will be put in the Mail tomorrow, and a third, on the next day. I was under the impression, that all the pieces, reserved prior to our suspending operations last summer, had already been forwarded to you, by the Treasurer —

Respectfully
Yr. obedt. Servt.
J M Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.

Jan. 11. 1844
Rec^d. " 24 "

Mint of the U. States,
Jan. 11. 1844.

Sir,

I have sent to the Sec. of the Treasury, to be laid before the Committee of Ways & Means, a new estimate of the expenses of the New Orleans Mint, for the next fiscal year, of which I enclose a copy. It was rendered especially necessary by the deficit of $10,000, mentioned in the statement which I received from you in December, for which it is necessary that provision should be made. I have accompanied my estimate with such remarks as will, I hope, make known the grounds on which it is founded, & justify it in the eyes of the Committee.

I have received, this morning, a letter from Mr. Cammack, in which he presents a statement of the Wastage of the Melter ~~& Refiner~~ & the Coiner, for the past year. I am happy to find it so much more satisfactory than that of the year 1842. You will oblige me if you will send a full statement of this account; including the amount of deliveries made to the officers interested, and the items claimed in their credits, — particularly the estimated value of their sweeps.

I await your report for December, in order to make my annual report to the President.

We have sent a supply of dies to you for the present year, of which a list is annexed. I beg that you will send your receipt for them and a report of the destruction of the dies of last year. I pray you, also, to send what remain of the reserved coins for the Annual assay.

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy Esq.,
Supt. &c. &c.
New Orleans.

Enclosing copy the Estimate of N.O. Mint presented to Sec. of Treas. yesterday, Jan. 10.

Add list of dies of 1844, sent to him, viz Boxes No. 1 to 20 inclusive. For Contents see "Memorandum of dies of 1844".

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt &c.
New Orleans.

Jan. 11. 1844.

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U. States Branch Mint

1-10 light Metre		$ 35.00
1 large main cock		12.00
200 feet large Pipe		200.00
60 " small do		15.00
2 passage lamps		60.00
joints & labour		75.00
		397.00
1 yard lamp & Iron Bracket	30	
1 small Hall Bracket	6	
1 small entrance lamp	25	61.00
		$ 458.00

Gas Office
January 16th 1844

The expence of placing the above five Gas lights in U. States Branch Mint as designated by H. C. Cammack Esq. would be about four hundred and fifty Dollars - The size of main supply Pipe and Metre are calculated for any additional lights that may hearafter be required up to thirty lights.

C. W. Wells
Sec.

Gas Office
Jany 16th 1844

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Recd. May 8. 1844.

Private New Orleans January 20. 1844

My dear Sir

You will no doubt have been apprized of the death of Mr Bertrand. He died two days ago and was buried yesterday afternoon. His place in the mint has been temporarily filled by a young man who I hope will be found capable as he belongs to a worthy family who are poor. I think I have seen or heard of a letter which was addressed by you some time in 1839 to the superintendent defining the relative positions of the officers in the Branch Mints

I would like very much to have a copy of it for my own guide - and I will be obliged if you will let me have one if you should see no impropriety in doing so.

I have to day received your letter of the 6th instant covering account for moneys paid by you for this Branch up to the end of the year. My account for Contingent & ordinary expenses has gone on - the Bullion accounts have been kept back in consequence of Mr Guirault having had double duty to perform for some time. They will be ready tomorrow.

I enclose an impression from a coin found in a deposite of Sovereigns which is the first I have seen of the kind. You have also a specimen of an impression from a german coin which Dr Riddell gave me this morning It is in this manner that he intends to *print* the illustrations of all the coins known to be published in book form with a brief account, and value, of each.

The deposits in the Mint are not as large as I could desire and I am very much afraid that they will fall off, particularly in gold. It is very singular but English gold circulates very much in the country. This is, I suppose, because American Gold is hoarded up and held at a premium by the Banks.

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some how or other have got hold of the most of it. -   Mr Tyler has mentioned to me that he wants Eagle dies to be sent ~~to him~~ for this Branch until he gets a good supply. so as to be secure from delay for want of dies.

I shall send my Accounts forward with the amount of wastage Carried to the debit of profit and loss account. I have no other way of doing.   When you have made up your estimate for our Branch I would very much like to see a copy of it.

very sincerely
Your faithful Servt
H Cammack

To Doctor R. M. Patterson.

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To Doctor R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint -
Philadelphia

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Jan. 20. 1844.
Rec^d. Feb. 2. "

New Orleans January 25. 1844

My dear Sir

I have to day handed to Mr Kennedy an estimate for putting up Gas fixtures in the Mint for the purpose of using Gas instead of Oil in lighting up at night.

That estimate amounts to about 450 $ but I believe that we can get the work done for something under $400. The pipes, Meter joints &c. are of a size to increase the lights to 30 if it should at any time become necessary here after. The saving in Oil would in but a short time, pay this expense and the consump of Gas would not be expensive at the price has been lately reduced to six dollars per thousand. The Mint would then be properly lighted and every thing would be clean. At present when there is a strong wind our lights are almost useless. and it frequently

happens

that on wet & windy nights the mint is in almost total darkness. I hope therefore that you will find it proper to sanction the introduction of Gas. Mr Kennedy does not like to decide on this himself because we understand that the subject was once before referred to you, and that you did not then approve of the introduction of Gas. I imagine however that it was owing to the great expense that was then necessary.-

With great respect
I am Yours truly
H. Cammack

To Dr. R. M. Patterson

From H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Jan. 25, 1844.
Recd Feb. 5. "

Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Mint U.S.
Jan. 31 / 1844.

Sir,

On the 24th inst., I received a letter from the Superintendent of the New Orleans Branch Mint, dated the 11th, in which he mentions that he had sent, by the same mail, through the Secretary of the Treasury, a First package of Assay Coins; and that a 2d & 3d would follow immediately.

On the 26th, I received from you the 2d of these packages; but neither the 1st nor the 3d has yet come to me. This circumstance gives me great uneasiness, — particularly with regard to the 1st boxes, — ~~If you have any information on the Subject~~ and I have thought it my duty to communicate it to you.

I have written to Mr. Kennedy on the subject.

R. M. P.
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To Hon. Jno. C. Spencer,
Sec. of Treasy.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

Jan. 31/44.

Mint U. S.
Jan. 31 / 44.

Sir,

On the 24th inst., I received your letter of the 11th, advising me that you had sent, by the same mail, through the Secretary of the Treasury, a 1st package of assay coins; and that a 2d and 3d would follow immediately.

On the 26th, I received from the Secretary, the 2d of these packages; but neither the 1st nor the 3d have yet come to hand. I am, in consequence, ~~very~~ under great apprehension, particularly in regard to the 1st package. I pray you to make any inquiry into the matter, and to write to me, ~~with regard to~~ respecting it, at the earliest moment.

I have written on the subject, to the Secretary of the Treasury.

R. M. P.,
Dr.

To
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq
Sup. B. Mint
New Orleans.

Jan. 31/44.

Mint of the U. S.
Feb. 1. 1844.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt, this morning, of a box of assay coins, sent, through your Department, from the New Orleans Branch Mint, & which is the package No. 1, which I mentioned as missing, in a letter which I had the honor of addressing to you yesterday.

R. M. P.
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To/ Hon. J. C. Spencer.
Sec. of Treasury.

To Sec. of Treasury,

Feb. 1. 1844.

February 1844

Mint of the U. S.
Feb. 1. 1844.

Sir,

I have the satisfaction of stating that the package No. 1, of Assay coins, from your Mint, respecting which I wrote to you yesterday, was received by me this morning.

R. M. P.
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To/ Jo. M. Kennedy
Supt. &c.
New Orleans.

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Jn. M. Kennedy
Supt &c.
New Orleans.

Feb. 1. 1844.

February
1844

Mint U.S.
Feb. 7, 1844.

Sir,

The boxes of assay coins ~~men~~ announced in your letter of the 11th ult., and with regard to which I expressed some anxiety in mine of the 31st., have all come safely to hand. The annual assay is to take place on the 12th, and I will lose no time in making known to you the result.

I am requested by the Messrs. George Greenfield & Co. to let you know that they have erected an establishment in this city for the Smelting of Sweeps, and that they would be glad to have your custom. Their terms are a charge of Seven dollars per Cwt., on the Sweep delivered to them here, ~~to be from the whole amount~~ the value of the Sweep to be determined by assays made by you, and confirmed at this Mint; and this value to be paid here, in advance, ~~after~~ deducting the charge for Smelting. We have just delivered, to them, our sweep for 1843 on these terms.

Mr. Cammack ~~has~~ informs me that he has laid before you an estimate of the cost of introducing gas, for lighting the Mint at night, but that you do not like to decide on this expenditure yourself, because you have understood that I formerly made objections to it. ~~I have no recollection of~~ I do not now recollect that the question was ever referred to me; but this is of little importance. I think that light is one of the most important protections to an establishment like yours, and I cannot therefore object to the ~~use~~ employment of gas, if the cost of its introduction, and the use of it when introduced be kept within economical bounds. We have had gas ~~used~~ in this Mint for five years. Its introduction cost $183.13. We burn, at night, four lights; and the ~~own cost~~ whole charge for gas, last year, was $57.85. Now I am quite ignorant to what extent you purpose to employ the gas. ~~For~~ Working at night is very objectionable, and can be justified only by absolute necessity. I certainly would not ~~I~~ make provision for it by gas fixtures. It is for the watch, only, that I think it needed, so far as the Mint is concerned; and I presume that there are no other objects in view. If the gentlemen who reside in the Mint desire to indulge themselves in this luxury, I suppose that ~~arrangements might be permitted to them~~ you would not object to their doing so; but I can assure them, from my own experience, that they will find it more expensive than oil and candles.

I have been ~~asked~~ told that some difference of opinion exists among the officers of ~~the~~ your Mint as to the propriety of ~~the~~ any of them purchasing bullion, old plate, &c., from persons coming to the Mint with such articles for sale; and I have been asked what is the practice ~~at our Mint~~ here.

In a series of regulations issued by my predecessor in 1825, there is the following section:

"Small quantities of gold and silver being frequently offered at the Mint, below the usual limits of deposites, and requiring immediate payment, the Chief Coiner is requested, until some other arrangement can be made, to purchase, with his private funds, such articles, at an equitable valuation, without an actual assay, and deposite them, when accumulated to a reasonable amount, in his own name, for coinage, under the usual regulations. He will exercise, in these transactions, a vigilant care, that the vicious do not avail themselves of this indulgence for criminal purposes."

This regulation is still acted upon, to a very ~~limited~~ small extent, except that the purchase is made by the Assayer, instead of the Coiner. The limit ~~beyond~~ below which the Mint can refuse deposits, cannot, by law, exceed $100; ~~worth~~ and if deposits above this value be offered, they must be accepted by the Treasurer, unless they be "~~of~~ so base as to be unsuitable for the operations of the Mint."

~~Now this is a very delicate M~~

Now the regulation in question is one of great delicacy, and perhaps of doubtful propriety. Cases are sometimes presented to us, where a refusal to take a small deposite would be ~~afflictive~~ injurious or even cruel to the individual offering it. Yet should such deposits, if ~~taken~~ purchased at the Mint, be always taken without any view to profit, and only where acquired by charity. Mr. Eckfeldt tells me that the whole amount of his purchases, last year, under this head, did not exceed $200; and that he always gives what he believes to be the full value, and ~~often~~ sometimes finds that he has given more.

R. M. P.

To/ Jn. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

P.S. — I find, from Mr. Cammack's letter, that "the price of gas [at New Orleans] has been lately *reduced* to six dollars per thousand." — The price charged here is $3.50, ~~[illegible]~~ and it is complained of as extravagant. I know that it is more expensive than the ordinary means of lighting, though this is in part owing to the fact that it leads us to be extravagant in the amount of light ~~that~~ in which we indulge ourselves. At $6 ₱ thousand cubic feet, I would ~~not use it either in my house or in the Mint~~ certainly, and I would ~~not have introduced it into the Mint.~~ have serious doubts as to ~~of~~ the propriety of introducing it

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Feb. 7/44.

Mint U.S.
Feb. 7. / 44.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your correspondence; ~~it is very important to me, for without it I should be very imperfectly informed~~ while I must confess that I am not always very prompt in replying to your letters, for I now find three before me unacknowledged.

The first of these, dated Jan 1, gratified me by showing a prompt settlement of the accounts of the Melter & Refiner and Coiner. I have noticed this matter in my letters to the Superintendent ~~Mr. Kennedy~~. — The question which you propose as to the purchase of bullion by Officers of the Mint, I answer in a letter, sent by the present Mail, to Mr. Kennedy.

By your letter of the 21th ult., I was distressed to hear of the death of Mr. Bertrand.

In this letter you send me specimens of the method of ~~printing~~ making impressions of coins, intended to be used by Dr. Riddell in his work. It has some great advantages, among which is its great economy, ~~is not to be~~ I found that it was known to our artists; and I have seen a description of it, with specimens, in the beautiful work on wood engraving, by John Jackson, printed in 1839. — Mr. Saxton, of this Mint, who knew the process, made for me the impressions which I send enclosed. Did Dr. Riddell suppose ~~it~~ his method to be a new one?

I sent a copy of my estimates for your Mint, to Mr. Kennedy on the 11th of January.

Your letter of Jan 25th is confined to the subject of introduction of gas into the Mint; and I have ~~supplied in one~~ laid my views on the matter before the Superintendent.

You ask for a copy of a letter ~~defining~~ ~~suppo~~ written by me in 1839, "defining the relative positions of the officers in the Branch Mints." I have looked for such a letter, and find that you must refer to one sent by me to Mr. Bradford, April. 8, 1839, — although it cannot claim so broad a title as you have given to it. It must be on the files at your Mint; but as you request a copy, I send you one enclosed.

Our treasurer &c — [from next page.]

R. M. P.
Dir

To/ H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer of Branch Mint
New Orleans.

Our treasurer is very anxious that the account for the cents which he ~~forwarded~~ placed in your hands for distribution should be brought to a close. Can you not devise some plan by which this can be effected? Cannot the banks or the post-office be induced to take the remnant off your hands? Pray let me know the state of this most unsuccessful enterprise.

To/ H. C. Cammack, Esq.
(Treasurer of Branch Mint)
New Orleans.

Feb. 7/44.

Washington. 8 Feby. 1844.

Sir.

I have reason to believe that the amount allowed by the appropriation bill reported by the Committee of Ways & Means for the contingent expenses of the Mint of New Orleans say $15000 (instead of $32000 as estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury) is quite inadequate to the expenses of the establishment. I would feel much obliged to you for your views on this subject, with such details as may enable me to obtain an increased appropriation if it be necessary.

Very Respectfully.
Your obt Servt.
John Slidell

R M Patterson Esqr.
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

From/ Hon. John Slidell,
Ho. Reps.
Washington.
Feb. 8, 1844.
Recd. " 10. —

J Slidell

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R M Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Feb 10. 1844

Sir,

You will find enclosed the documents asked for in your last letter, together with the Statement of Our Operations for January, which Mr Cammack says "Could not be furnished earlier, because we "had not got the title of a large deposite of Silver, "made by the Mechanics' Bank, just at the close "of the Month"

All the dies for 1844, mentioned by you as contained, in boxes marked from No 1 to No 20 inclusive, have been received —

Very respectfully
Yr. ob. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director Mint U. S.
Phila

From/
Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Feb. 10. 1844.
Recd. " 21. "

(January Report.)

Statement of Gold Bullion delivered, Decr 30^{t} 1843. in Annual Settlement

		Ounces	dec	~~Wt~~	Ounces	dec
N° 1.	2 Bars	722	73	851	683	381
" 2.	2 "	119	15	102	13	499
" 3.	1 "	40	15	392	17	487
" 4.	1 "	24	30	154	4	158
" 5.	1 "	230	00	862	220	228
Ingots & Toppings N° 234.		753	45	897$\frac{5}{10}$	751	357
Nett amount of Gold in Sweeps.					34	457
Wastage (on 307.102.$\frac{009}{1000}$ oz. Stand^{d}. Bull^{n}. rec^{d}.)		Say 1/9 of	full	Wastage	88	078
					1.812	699

Melter & Refiner's Office
Branch Mint New Orleans
December 30^{t} 1843.

J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

Recd. Feb. 21. 44

Statement of Gold Bullion delivered Dec 30th 1843 in annual settlemen

		Ounces	dec	Fineness	Ounces	dec
No. 1	2 Bars & 1 Button	65	12	877	63	455
" 2	1 Bar	44	70	892	44	342
" 3	1 Lump	30	00	66	2	200
" 4	Unadjusted coins	213	60	900	213	600
" 5	Filings	3	90	900	3	900
" 6	Sweep	1	50	900	1	500
Wastage on 314.915.05oz Gold Bullion received from 1st of Jany. to 30 Dec					128	358
	Standard Gold Clippings				4.100	780
					4.558	135

Coiners Office Branch Mint
New Orleans - Dec 31st 1843 -
R Blake Tyler
Coiner

Recd. Feb. 21. 44.

Statement of Silver Bullion delivered Dec 30th 1843 in annual settlement

	Ounces	dec	Fineness	Ounces	Dec
No. 1 — 2 Bars	372	00	885	368	80
" 2 1 Bar & 1 king	154	60	570	98	04
" 3 1 Lump	30	00	187	6	23
Clippings &c	265	40	900	265	40
Unadjusted coins	6225	21	900	6225	21
Sweeps				90	00
Wastage on 2.053.572.05 oz Bullion received from 1st Jany to 30 Dec 1843				430	47
				7.484	15
Standard Silver Clippings				11.000	00
				18.484	15

Coiners Office Branch Mint
New Orleans - Dec 30th 1843 -

R Blake Tyler
Coiner

Feb 10

Recd. Feb. 21. 44.

Statement of Silver Bullion delivered Decr 30th 1843. in Annual settlement.

		Ounces	dec	~~Mt~~	Ounces	dec
No. 1	4 Bars	1.062	90	988	1.166	82
" 2	5 "	1.197	40	996	1.325	12
" 3	5 "	1.289	00	990	1.417	90
" 4	5 "	1.334	00	990	1.467	40
" 5	5 "	1.323	00	993	1.459	70
" 7	5 "	1.316	00	993	1.451	98
" 8	5 "	1.216	00	993	1.341	65
" 9	4 "	915	00	980	996	33
" 10	3 "	686	00	735	558	01
" 11	1 "	111	00	800	98	66
" 12	12 "	3.362	00	880	3.287	38
" 13	2 "	380	00	835	352	55
Mexican Dollars		3.250	00	897	3.241	38
Nett amount of Silver in Sweeps.					916	33
Wastage (on 2.110. 333.31/100 oz. Standd. Bullion received)					2.229	50
					21.311	31
Standard Silver Ingots.					35.449	95
					56.761	26

Melter & Refiner's Office
Branch Mint New Orleans
Decr 30th 1843.

J. L. Riddell.
Melter & Refiner

Feb 10

Rec^{d}. Feb. 21. 44.

Estimate of Gold Sweeps offered December 30th 1843. in Annual Settlement.

Weight of Gold Sweeps of 1843.	1981 lbs. Avoirdupois
Gross Value as per Assayer's certificate;	
in Silver $41.77	
Gold 599.08 =	32.201 Stand. oz. v
Cost of Smelting at $8.00 per cwt to be deducted	$152.00
Deduct	41.77
Hence near 6 oz: to be taken from the Gold =	$110.23
	32.201
	6.000
Nett Value in Stand. oz. of Gold. =	26.201
Add nett value of Sweeps of 1842, now on hand, vide, Assayer's certificate, filed in Treasurer's Office, Dec. 31. 1842. (8.941 lbs $\frac{591}{1000}$)	8.250
Total in Stand. oz. of Gold =	34.451

Melter & Refiner's Office
Branch Mint New Orleans
Dec. 30th 1843.
J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

Verified by Assays & Calculations & Approved.

Wm. P. Hort
Assayer

Recᵈ. Feb. 21. 44.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint N. New Orleans, during the month of January, 1844.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec.	Ounces	dec.	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold										
Foreign Coins	17.665	27	17.468	278	324.991	22	324.991	22		
Foreign Bullion	402	17	359	308	6.684	81	6.684	81		
U. S. Coins	225	18	227	815	4.238	41	4.238	41		
U. S. Bullion	336	11	342	561	6.373	22	6.373	22		
									342.287	66
Silver.										
Foreign Coins	187.346	85	186.260	85	216.739	89	216.739	89		
Foreign Bullion	3.409	89	3.298	10	3.837	79	3.836	56		
									220.577	68
									$562.865	34

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Valu	
		Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold.					
Eagles.	14.000	140.000	00		
				140.000	00
Silver.					
Half Dollars.	236.000	118.000	00		
				118.000	00
				$258.000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office January 31st. 1844.
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer

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Recd. Feb. 21. 44.

Estimate of Silver Sweep, offered Decr 30th 1844. in Annual Settlement.

Weight of Silver Sweep made in 1843.		3.854 lbs avoirdupois
Groſs Value as per Aſsayer's certificate	$719.63	618.44 St. oz
Deduct for Smelting $8.00 pr cwt.	296.00	254.32
Nett Value in Stand.d Troy ounces.		364.12 oz st.
Add, nett value of Silver Sweep of 1842, as per Aſsayer's certificate filed Dec. 31st 1842. in Treas.rs Office.		552.81
Total in Standard Ounces of Silver.		916.93

Melter & Refiner's Office
Branch Mint New Orleans,
December 30th 1843.
J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

Verified by Aſsays & Calculations, & approved.
Wm. P. Hort
Aſsayer

Recd. Feb. 21. '44.

Mint of the United States,
Feb. 10. 1844.

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 8th, respecting the appropriations for the New Orleans Mint for the next fiscal year, and I am surprised & alarmed at your statement that the Committee of Ways & Means have reported but $15,000 for the item of Contingent expenses.

I shall be very glad to communicate to you fully my views on this subject; but in order to do so intelligibly, it is necessary that I should have a copy of the proposed bill, which I have not yet seen. Will you do me the favor to send me a copy of so much as regards the Mint & its Branches? I will then write to you again. In the mean while, however, I should inform you, that, in consequence of information received from New Orleans, I presented a new estimate to the Committee of Ways & Means, on the 10th of January.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. P.
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To/

Hon. John Slidell,
Member of Congress.

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Hon. John Slidell
Ho. Reps.
Washington.
Feb. 10. 1844.

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Feb 12th 1844

Sir,

We have a receipt, for each of the three packages of Assay Coins, sent to you, under the frank of the Secretary of the Treasury, by the Mails of the 12th 13th and 18th of last month and upon inquiry at the Post Office, I am informed that upon the Way bills accompanying each one of those Mails, they were duly entered - It was also stated to me by the Post Master, that they have nothing in the Office here to show whether those Mails ever reached their point of destination. He further observed, that upon information from the Post Office at Washington, that any of the packages had not come to hand, he would immediately notify the Mail agents on the route, of the fact, with directions to make every exertion to ascertain how they were missed -

I hope, however, that before this they have all been received -

Respectfully
Y. Ob. Serv.
J. M. Kennedy
Sup

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philada.

From/
Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Feb. 12. 1844
Recd. " 22. "

Mint of the United States.
Feb. 13th, 1844

Sir,

Mr. Rufus Tyler, First Coiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, and a mechanician of great skill and ingenuity, died, at his post, of the yellow fever, on the 8th of September, 1839; leaving a wife and children unprovided for, and who are now in Philadelphia, in narrow and distressing circumstances.

Shortly before his death, Mr. Tyler invented an ~~machine~~ apparatus for counting small coins, which operates with great rapidity, and unquestionable accuracy., ~~and the use of which is so important in this and the Mint and the Branch at New Orleans~~ A patent-right to it ~~has been~~ was secured for the benefit of ~~Mr Tyler's~~ his family, and is almost their only legacy.

Now counting is not only one of the most important, but is also, as formerly practised, one of the most tedious and time-consuming operations of the Mint. For the large ~~pieces~~ coins, the labor is, indeed, much diminished, by counting them in heaps, ~~of the same height~~ which are known to contain the same number of pieces, from their being of the same height. But, for the small coins, this method cannot be relied upon, because the difference of one piece, in the height of a pile, cannot be seen with sufficient certainty; and consequently these coins, (or at least the dimes and half-dimes,) have to be counted one by one. Hence it became necessary, whenever counting was to be done, to employ so many men as always to interrupt some one or more of the mechanical operations of the Mint.

Under these circumstances, it was ~~found~~ deemed expedient to make an arrangement, with the present holder of the patent-right, ~~to the Counting-machine,~~ (the widow of Mr. Tyler,) ~~for it~~ for the privilege of ~~employing~~ using ~~it~~ the counting machine at the Philadelphia & New Orleans Mints. For this purpose, I caused ~~careful~~ trials to be made, with great care, ~~by which~~ for ascertaining what would be the cost of the labor saved by the employment of the counting-boards; and I found that a fair and moderate estimate made it ~~to~~ amount to 4 cents on 1000 pieces, ~~taken coined~~ reckoning only the pieces delivered by the Coiner to the Treasurer, and omitting ~~the other or~~ all ~~other intermediate~~ the preliminary countings.

To give an idea of the saving of time and labor, by the new mode of counting, I may mention that the boards employed count 400 quarter dollars at a time, 500 dimes, ~~and~~ or 800 half-dimes; and that ~~one~~ man can count in an hour, 7,000 quarter-dollars, 15,000 dimes, ~~and~~ or 20,000 half-dimes.

It is thought advisable by the friends of Mrs. Tyler, and I think it very desirable for the

Mints, that the existing arrangement between the parties should be commuted ~~for~~ by a purchase of the perpetual right to the use of the Counting apparatus for the Mints and Branch Mints of the United States; and it is proposed that $2500 should be appropriated paid for this object.

To show that this charge is a moderate one, I present the subjoined ~~table~~ statement of the number of ~~quarter dolla~~ small silver coins, struck at the Mints ~~of~~ Philadelphia and New Orleans, in the four last years, with the ~~charge for~~ corresponding charges for the use of the Counting apparatus.

Year 1840 — —	Number	5,425,992	Charge $	217.04
" 1841 — —	"	6,167,000	"	246.68
" 1842 — —	"	5,929,500	"	237.18
" 1843 — —	"	4,298,600	"	171.94
Totals ~~Totals~~		21,821,092		872.84
Annual Average		5,455,273		218.21

This average annual charge of $218.21, corresponds, at 6 per cent., ~~to~~ a capital sum of $3637; and, at 5 per cent., to $4364. — It is therefore decidedly to the pecuniary advantage of the United States to make the proposed ~~purchase~~ commutation.

I would therefore respectfully ask that an addition be made to the appropriations asked for the Mint, to the following effect.

for the Mint and Branch Mints of the United Sta

For the purchase of the perpetual right, to the use of an patented apparatus for counting coins, ~~patented~~ ~~[illegible]~~ invented by the late Rufus Tyler — — $2,500.

May I ask that you will lay this application, for an addition to the appropriations for the Mint, before the Committee of Ways and Means?

R. M. P.
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To/ Hon. John C. Spencer,
Sec. of Treas.

TBW.

Feb. 13. 1844.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

Small coins at Pha & N.O. Br. Mint, in 1840 .. 43.

	Quarters	Dimes	Half dimes	Totals.
Philadelphia ..				
1840 ~~New Orleans~~ ..	188,127	1,358,580	1,344,085	2,890,792
1841	120,000	1,622,500	1,150,000	2,892,500
1842	88,000	1,887,500	815,000	2,790,500
1843	645,600	1,370,000	1,165,000	3,180,600
New Orleans				
1840	425,200	1,175,000	935,000	2,535,200
1841	452,000	2,007,500	815,000	3,274,500
1842	769,000	2,020,000	350,000	3,139,000
1843	968,000	150,000	----	1,118,000
	3,655,927	11,591,080	6,574,085	21,821,092

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5,455.273 thousands
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5,455,273
.04
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1840 -- 5,425,992 — 217.04
" 1 -- 6,167,000 — 246.68
" 2 -- 5,929,500 — 237.18
" 3 -- 4,298,600 — 171.94
4 / 21,821,092 4 / 872.84
Average p ann. = 5,455,273 $ 218.21

Corresponding to Capital of $ 3637.

U. S. Mint. Annual Assay, Feb. 12, 1844. —

Proposed order of Business.

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Judge Randall to take the Chair.

Laws bearing upon the Annual Assay to be read:

~~Viz. Sect. 32d — Sect. 27 — Sect. 25 —~~
~~Sect.s 8 : 9 : 10 : Sect. 22~~

Viz. Sections: 8, 9, 10, 22, 25, 27, 32.

Minutes of last meeting.

The follow course of that meeting.

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Randall, Watts, Blythe
Renwick, Merrick, Coles. —

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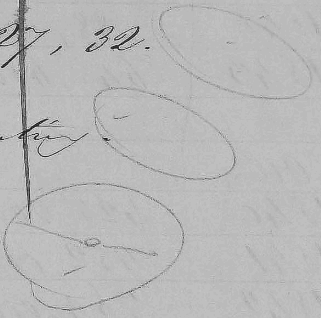

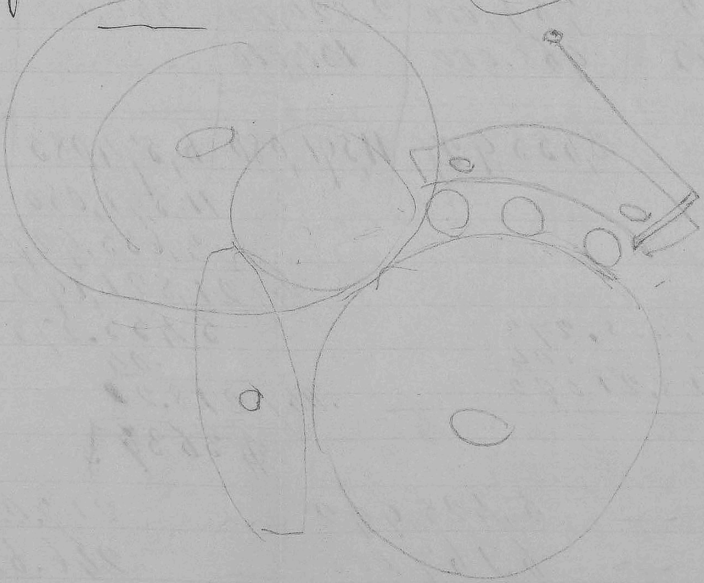

Feb. 13, 1844

U. S. Br. Mint New Orleans
Treasurers Office 16 July 44.

Sir

Enclosed I send you three parts of coins as follows

Parma, Austria 1815 No 1.
Carlos Albert 1835 — 2.
Carlos Felix — 1826 — 3.

which I beg you to have assayed and advise me of the title. I beg to enquire from you what course is pursued when such coins are found in small numbers in deposites of 20 Franc pieces in your mint. They have usually, until lately, passed as French coins in this mint and have been assumed at 899. I enclose also a small piece of gold cut from a melt of French coins of 1843. also for assay. It is number 55.

with great respect your Obt St
H C Cammack
Jr

To Doctor R M Patterson

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Feb. 16 1844
Recd. " 27. "

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans feb 23. 1844

Sir,

I have been requested by Mr. Tyler, to write for 2 pair, and 2 extra tail Eagle, and three or four head ½ dollar, dies. Will you be kind enough to send them to us -

I will forward, in the course of next week, my report of the destruction of our dies for 1843.

Very respectfully
Yr. ob. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philada.

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Feb. 23. 1844.
Recd. March 4. "

March 1844

Mint U. S. —
Feb. 28 / 44.

Sir,

Your letter of the 14th was received yesterday; and this morning Mr. Eckfeldt has, as you requested, made assays of the pieces which you sent enclosed. The results are as follows:

No 1. — (Parma, 1815,) — — — 898.7,
No 2. — (Carlos Albert, 1835,) — — 896.5,
No 3. — (Carlos Felice, 1826,) — — 897.0,
No. 55. — (Melt from French Coins,) — — 898.4.

When such coins as Nos. 1, 2, 3, come to us, in small numbers, with 20 franc pieces, we receive them as if they were French ~~coins~~ gold; for the difference, in a melt of any magnitude, would not be appreciable.

The value of the above gold, viz. $11.62, has been placed to the credit of your account.

R. M. P.
Dr

To/
H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasr of Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ H. C. Cammack, Esq
Treasurer of Br. Mint
New Orleans.

Feb. 28/44.

[Enclosing Copy of Estimates of New Orleans Br. Mint & Grounds of the same, as contained in my letter of Jan. 10. 1844, to Sec. of Treasury.]

Mint U. S.
March 5, 1844.

Sir,

Your letter of the 12th ult., ~~inclosed in~~ with the appropriation bill reported by the Committee of Ways & Means, was post-~~dated~~ marked the 24th, and did not come into my hands till this morning.

The appropriation for the New Orleans Mint is certainly inadequate, and, if not amended, would expose that institution to the greatest inconvenience, if not to the necessity of interrupting its operations.

The estimate which I sent to the Department in Nov. 1843, stood as follows:

Salaries of Officers & clerks, – –	$ 12,900
Wages of workmen, – – –	20,000
Incidental & contingent expenses – –	32,000
Total – –	$ 64,900

In the bill, the first two items are retained, but the third is cut down to $15,000; being $17,000 less than the amount asked for.

The information which I had received, when the above estimate was presented, not being sufficiently explicit, I sent to Mr. Kennedy a form which I deemed more satisfactory, and which I requested him to have filled up. It was returned to me in December, and I now send you a copy of it, with some slight changes of form. You will observe that it exhibits "a probable excess of expenses over means," in the current fiscal year, of $10,000; "which must be provided for in the appropriations for the next fiscal year." This and some other changes made it necessary for me to present a new estimate for the New Orleans Mint, and I accordingly sent one to the Secretary of the Treasury on the 11th of January, which he no doubt communicated immediately to the Committee of Ways and Means. Of this estimate I also ~~send you~~ enclose a copy.

The item of $10 000 has its origin principally in the fact, that the coinage at New Orleans, (exceeding four & a half millions,) greatly exceeded the amount anticipated when the estimates and appropriations for the year were made.

The item of $5000, "for machinery and machinists," was included in the first estimate, and I have such information regarding the present condition of the machinery at the New Orleans Mint, as convinces me of the necessity of such extensive repairs and changes as to justify the appropriation asked.

The item for wages of workmen is reduced in the new estimate from $20,000, to 18,000; but no reduction could be borne, if the last item be rejected.

Let me hope that you will take such steps as will put the appropriations for the Mint of your City on a proper and liberal footing. (The reports (of deposits already made to me) (for the present year, ~~show~~ indicate ~~a large amount over~~ an increase in its operations, even over the last, and demonstrate the great importance of the institution. I sincerely hope that it may not be cramped in its course by a want of means.

R. M. Patterson

To/ Honble John Slidell.
(Member of Congress.)

To/ Hon. Jno. Slidell,
House Reps.
Washington.

March 5. 1844.

Branch Mint U. S. N Orleans
Treasurer's office 8 March 1844

dear Sir

In your letter of 8 april 1839 addressed to the former Superintendent of this Mint you gave your views respecting the mode of appointments &c in the Mint and added that "the immediate responsibility of each department is with the officer at the head of that department, and that he must therefore have the immediate Command of his men; and all orders to them should come either immediately from him, or, from the superintendent, through him" In a Conversation with Mr Kennedy yesterday he Observed that he Considered that this applied only to the Coining & melting departments and not to the Treasurer's office or the Clerks and porter therein, — but as I differed from him he suggested that I should write to you and get your views ~~[illegible]~~ on this point, by which we will be governed. and I will be obliged if you will address him with them. — I deem it almost useless to say that I am perfectly willing to conform to all of Mr Kennedy's wishes when Communicated to me.

With great respect
I am Sir
your obt & faithful St
H. C. Cammack
Treasr

To
Doctr R. M. Patterson

(From
H. C. Cammack,
Treasurer of Branch Mint
New Orleans.
March 8/44.
Rec. 18th.

Branch M. New Orleans
Treasurers Offic 8 Mar: 1844.

Sir

Enclosed herein I hand you account sales for a part of the Copper Coins shipped to me by the Gibralter some time ago. Nett proceeds $706.\frac{30}{100}$ to cover for which you have above a draft on the Director of the U. S. Mint for that sum. There remains on hand to be accounted for by me Seven hundred Ninety three dollars and Seventy Cents & await orders respecting them. I am

Your mo obt st
H Cammack
Treasurer

I J Roach Esqr
Treasurer

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J. Roach Esqr.
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

From
H. C. Cammack Treas.
Br. Mt. N. Orleans
March 8. 1849.

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Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of February 1844.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before Deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	29.702	91	29.803	996	554.492	95	554.492	95		
Foreign Bullion	70	34	48	264	897	94	897	94		
U. S. Coins, (Old Emt.)	83	69	84	526	1.572	57	1.572	57		
U. S. Bullion	199	74	201	498	3.748	80	3.748	80		
									560.712	26
Silver.										
Foreign Coins	18.154	38	17.863	16	20.786	22	20.786	22		
Foreign Bullion	110	75	109	10	126	95	126	95		
									20.913	17
							Total Deposites		$ 581.625	43

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold.					
Eagles	16.500	165.000	00		
Half Eagles	12.000	60.000	00		
				225.000	00
Silver.					
Half Dollars	30.000	15.000	00		
Quarter Dollars.	144.000	36.000	00		
				51.000	00
	202,500				
		Total Coinage		$ 276.000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office February 29th 1844.
H. Cammack
Trsr.

Recd. March 16. 1844.

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans

March 8. 1844 -

Sir,

Enclosed you have our Statement for the last month, and also a list of the gold and Silver assay coins reserved at this Mint, during January and February 1844 - . The coins have been carefully put up in a tin box, and will be sent to you by tomorrow's Mail, thro the Secy of the Treasury -

I am very resp.y
Y. ob. Serv.t
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Phila

Hon./ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint.
New Orleans.
March 8. 1844
Recd. " 16. "

February Report.

U.S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Coiners office March 30th 1844.

To J. M. Kennedy Esq.
Superintendent

Sir, believing that you are fully convinced of the necessity of our having an additional coining press, and that you are disposed to use a portion of the money to be appropriated by Congress for extra machinery, for that purpose; I beg leave to lay before you some facts suggested by my experience with the presses now in use. It is a matter generally admitted that work done by contract is never ~~so~~ well done, unless it is under the ~~[illegible]~~ supervision of the contractor, then with what particular truth must this impression be viewed in connexion with machinery so dificult to construct, where not only the best workmen are taxed to the utmost of their abilities; but much ingenuity, combined with all the experience derived from the use of the machines, is required to proportion and and combine the materials in a suitable manner to perform the extremely difficult operations required.

I think too much importance cannot be attached to the necessity of our having at least one press, which can be depended upon at all times, as the experience of the last two months alone must fully show. when it is considered that the coinage for February was retarded and materially diminished by the failure of the lever of the middle size press, which had already been renewed three times. of the best materials which could be procured in New Orleans. and that, at the same time the coinage of half dollars was entirely suspended by the failure of the middle block or lower joint of the large press — which piece had been renewed only about one year since from one of the best shops in Philadelphia notwithstanding which it was imperfect, probably through neglect of the smith who forged it. and I know not how soon this press can be permanently employed. as I have much doubt if the defective piece can be renewed in this city; two having already proved imperfect. a third is nearly completed, but there can be no certainty of its answering the purpose untill after it it is hardened, nor indeed untill it has received the working pressure. All of which facts admonish us of the necessity of having another large sized press, and that every precaution be taken to make it as perfect as possible.

As to the impropriety of undertaking it in this city, there can be no doubt: as, even if it were possible to build it here of suitable materials, it would cost double what it would to make it in Philadelphia, where the patterns for the heavier castings are already made.

Now I propose, that so soon as the money for *extra* machinery is appropriated; to put my department under the charge of Mr Brooks, and go immediately to Philadª. and there, either contract for a press to be made under my supervision, or to get the privilege of employing men in one of the best machine shops, for the purpose of making such machinery as the coining department seems to require. Such a plan seems to me, to be the most expeditious and economical, and indeed the only plan of securing to my department such machinery as it requires

I would also remark, that my wife has been obliged from ill health, to be away from her home nearly two years, but that by a residence of some six months in Philadelphia. she has been almost entirely restored to good health, so as to be desirous of returning to New Orleans before the ensuing winter, and I am very anxious to visit Philadelphia this ensuing summer, and to be there at the proper season for my lady to return. I should therefore look upon your approval of my proposition for procuring the machinery. as not only of the utmost utility to the mint; but as an indulgence to myself which should endow me with the highest sense of duty.

should then be any particular objection to building the machinery mentioned, I would suggest the propriety of my preparing drawings of such parts of the machinery as are defective, or require renewing from use. and of my procuring duplicates in Philadelphia.

As to the capability of the person proposed to conduct my dept. during my absence, I believe you have already the fullest assurance and I have long had it in contemplation to ask for his appointment as assistant in my department, on account of his increasing duties and peculiar merits. and I am now authorized by him to state that that he is willing to undertake the responsibilities of my depart. during my absence provided he is appoint my assistant. which even under ~~even~~ other circumstances I would earnestly recommend —

Very Respectfully
Your Faithful servant
P. B. Tyler
Coiner

Recd. April 11.'44.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, during the month of March, 1844.

Deposites										
Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before Deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	15.924	25	16.129	373	300.081	35	300.081	35		
Foreign Bullion	100	71	74	375	1.383	72	1.383	72		
U. S. Bullion	50	61	47	774	888	82	888	82		
									302.353	89
Silver										
Foreign Coins	146.409	35	145.662	54	169.498	23	169.498	23		
Foreign Bullion	1.416	30	1.356	31	1.578	25	1.578	25		
									171.076	48
					Total Deposites				$473.430	37

Coinage					
Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold					
Half Eagles	176.000	880.000	00		
				880.000	00
Silver					
Half Dollars	220.000	110.000	00		
Quarter Dollars	216.000	54.000	00		
				164.000	00
	612,000	1,044,000	00		
Total Coinage				$1.044.000	00

The large deposites were all made for Eagles. but the Coiner being without Eagle dies they could not be made.

1 April '44

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office March 31st 1844.
H. L. Cammack
Treasurer.

Recd. April 11.'44.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 2d 1844

Sir,

I enclose Statement of our operations for last month, and a list of the Assay coins reserved at our Mint, from deliveries made during the same period, and which were sent to you by this morning's Mail, thro' the Sec. of the Treasy, in a tin box marked No. 2. I lay before you, for your advice, a letter received by me from Mr. Tyler, and am

Very respectfully
Y. ob. Servt.
J M Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Of the U. S.
Phila.

From/
Jos. M. Kennedy Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
April 2d. 1844
Recd. " 11. "

(March Report.)

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 3d 1844

Sir,

We are in want of 1/2 dollar, Eagle, and 1/2 and 1/4 Eagle, dies - Of those of the two denominations first mentioned, we are entirely out - The dies for 1843 have been cancelled, and I will send you my report upon the subject without delay -

Very respectfully
y. ob. Servt.
J M Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philadelphia -

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

April 3. 1844.
Recd. " 13. "

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's office April 4. 1844.

Sir

On the first instant I put into the post office a Tin box containing the assay coins reserved at this Mint during the month of March amounting to $912.25. It was addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury with an under address to you. I do not know how I am to get the funds in your hands back to this Mint as Exchange is at a considerable discount. please to send me your account as early as you can. The deposites of Gold since the first have amounted to abt 14.600 Guineas Sovereigns and 7000 of french Coins - mostly for Eagles - but we have no dies. Indeed we are out of half Dollar dies also.

Your mo obt st
H. C. Cammack
Tr.

To Dr. R. M. Patterson

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
April 4. 1844.
Recd. " 13. "

U.S. Branch Mint, New Orleans April 4th 1844

(Private

To/ Dr R.M. Patterson.

Dear Sir,

A few days since I addressed a proposition to Mr Kennedy, to put the Coining department of this mint under the charge of Mr Brooks, my present foreman, and to allow me to proceed to Philadelphia, for the purpose of making certain machinery. but I am informed by him, that in consequence of his intention to leave here to day for Washington city, he has refered the whole matter to you without having time to give me any reply, except to say to me that he saw no reason why my request should not be granted; and as it is a matter of considerable importance to me, I feel it my duty to you some of the reasons which render it advisable for us to build another coining press, and why it appears necessary to do it in one of the northern cities. You are probably aware of the other reasons which should induce me to wish very much to be in Philadelphia this summer, and I feel assured that you feel willing to make such favourable allowance in my behalf as the nature of the case will permit.

It is impossible to find machinists in this city who are acquainted with making fine machinery, and when any part of a press fails or requires renewing from wear, the first difficulty is to find suitable materials to repair with, and next, the workmen to do it. I have stated in my letter to Mr Kennedy, that three levers have already been fitted to the 4 $ press. but I can never explain to any one the troubles I had in procuring them; imperfect as they were. I presume that ten trials were made at different shops, and finally I was obliged to take up with such as I could get, and such is my dread of attempting to get any thing of the kind done, at the enormous prices which which are invariably charged, that I have bolted the broken heads of

of the levers —

together at least ten times. but it is not merely one part of the presses that requires the aid of New Orleans materials and workmen, but I believe you are aware that these first presses, were more or less defective in many parts, and have consequently required much repairing. at least I have found such to be the case. so much so that I have never felt sure for a single week, that some part was not about to fail and the coinage is principally half dollars. to suspend the work untill the necessary repairs could be made. Indeed such has been the case so frequently ~~that~~ from causes which I could not avert, that it has been one of the most serious evils with my department has been obliged to contend. — Another important consideration is that even were the presses quite perfect, they would not be adequate to what is frequently required. for the deposites are invariably for half dollars and eagles. and even if they were for quarters also, the most favorable circumstances could not give more than about $400.000. per month. and I have not known the time when there was not a greater amount waiting to be coined. and I believe, that amount frequently accumulates in the mint, at all events there are at this moment. $1.000.000. ~~waiting~~ in silver which the State Bank is desirous of getting coined but are unable to get more than about $100.000. per month in their turn. and I feel quite sure from my knowledge of the facilities of the other branches of my department. that an additional large sized press is actually required to make the stamping apparatus in proportion with the rest of the machinery

I think it quite unnecessary for me revert to the impropriety of attempting to make such a machine here, and I think you will agree with me as to the propriety of its being done under my immediate superintendence. as no one can be acquainted with the evils to be avoided without much experience and I am sure no one else can feel the same interest in making its perfect. —— It is possible however that the most important objection to the proposed measure, is in leaving my de-

-partment in other hands. And such is my aversion to doing so, that were my private circumstances such as to justify it. I should feel induced to resign my office sooner than contend with the surrounding difficulties and when I call to mind the anxiety which I have to be in Philad. next summer together with the possibility of a refusal of my proposition and of health to myself & family, and the many sorrows I have felt in New Orleans. I feel as if I could not stay. but on the other hand when I consider my small means for commencing in any business and that many of the evils of my department have been set aside and that the present health of my wife may yet permit her to reside in this climate, I feel as anxious to retain my situation, and have laid before Mr Kenedy the proposition which I consider the only means of enabling me to do so.

As to the appointment of Mr Brooks as an assistant I must say that I consider him entitled to it, and that the numerous duties of my department requires it. yet should his appointment be refused. I may find some other way equally secure of effecting the same object. I do not know what the intention in relation to continuing the operations through the summer, but am of opinion that the officers generally will call for a suspension. — indeed, I have seen a written permission from the Sec. of ~~Stat~~ Treas for the Supt. to visit Philadelphia. and I am told that the M. & R. has also leave of absence for several months and Mr Cammack has promised his family a visit to Philad. this summer, and they are depending upon it. — this may read strange. but I think if you could live in N. Orleans only one summer you would _feel_ that it was all quite natural.

I beg you will pardon my troubling you with so lengthy an epistle concerning my affairs; but believing you will fully realize the importance of the subject to me. I feel assured that you will give it early attention and I beg you will advise me of the result—

Very Sincerely Your Faithful Servant.

P. Blake Tyler

P.S. I am told, that in consequence of some news by mail to day. Mr K. will not leave immediately for Washington

From/ Philos B. Tyler,
Comis N. Orleans Mint,
April 4. 1844
Rec'd " 13. "

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 6. 1844

Sir,

Gold, to the amount of upwards of half a million, has already been deposited with us this month, and much more is expected - The whole of this amount is for Eagles - We have commenced making ingots for these coin in anticipation of the dies for which I have written - You will much oblige us by sending them as soon as possible, together with the others which have also been ordered - Our ½ Eagle dies will probably not coin more than the planchets now made -

I am very respectfully
Y. Ob. Servt
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Phila

From/
Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
April 6. 1844
Recd. " 15. "

Mint of the United States,
April 6. 1844.

Sir,

I send enclosed, my account with you for the quarter just ended, showing a balance to your credit, April 1st, of $2,850. 16.

R. M. P.

To/
H. C. Cammack, Esq.,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To

H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

April 8. 1844.

List of Gold & Silver Coins reserved for Assaying at the Branch Mint New Orleans. during January & February 1844.

1844			Quarter Dollars	Half Dollars	Half Eagles	Eagles	Value	
January	9			9			4	50
"	26			18			9	00
"	"					14	140	00
"	27			3			1	50
"	31			16			8	00
February	15		8				2	00
	"					16	160	00
	23		12				3	00
	27			6			3	00
	29		8				2	00
	"				12		60	00
			28	52	12	30	$ 393	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
February 29th 1844.
H. C. Cammack
Tr.
Wm. P. Hort Assayer

Feb 29
Recd. March 16. 1844.

New Orleans Branch
Mint

Gold & Silver Coins reserved for Assaying during March 1844.

Date			Half Eagles	Half dolls	Quarters	Value	
March	7		20			100	00
"	9		32			160	00
"	16		36	15	12	189	75
"	23		8	4	14	48	00
"	30		80	24	17	414	50
			176	43	43	$ 912	25

Box No 2.

United States Branch Mint
New Orleans March 31st. 1844

Wm. P. Hort Assayer

H C Cammack
Treasurer

March 31
Recd. April 11. '44.

New Orleans Branch
Mint

Mint U. S.
April 6. 1844

Sir,

Herewith you have bill of lading of the Assay Oven ordered some time since for Dr. Hort, which I hope will reach you safely. I trust Dr. Hort will find it strictly according to his directions.

I shall be in Washington next week, & will use my influence with the Committee of Ways & Means to have the proper Appropriations introduced for your Mint.

R. M. P.

To
Jos. M. Kennedy.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

April 6. 1844.

April 1844

U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans April 12th 1844.

Sir,

Mr Tyler has cancelled in my presence by cutting a cross upon their face, the following dies recd. in 1843, and reserved from 1842, viz:

1/2 Dollars	10 pr.	5	tails
1/4 do.	5 "	2	do.
Eagles	3 "	1	head
1/2 Do	3 "	2	do.
1/4 do	5 "	1	do.
Dimes		2	do.
1/2 do		2	do.

Dies reserved for 1844

1/2 Eagles	3	tails
1/4 do	3	do.
Dimes	3	do.
1/2 do.	6	do.

Dr. Riddell, before whom the terms of Messrs George & Greenfield &c. with regard to the purchase of his receipt, were laid, as soon as communicated to me, has not yet made up his mind upon the subject. I have stated to him that as I had waited long enough for his reply, he would oblige me by acquainting you with his decision himself - He has promised me to do so. The Doctor is desirous of obtaining leave of absence during a portion of the approaching Summer, Dr. Mott to remain in charge of his Department. I have no power I presume to grant it unless, as the law says "on account of sickness, or other sufficient cause" particularly should no suspension of our operations take place.

When I enclosed Mr Tyler's letter, a few days ago, I said nothing of my own opinion upon the subject thereof, for, [illegible] expecting that business would have called me to Washington, I anticipated the pleasure of making it known to you in person during the course of this month. Now, that circumstances have rendered that visit unnecessary, I have no hesitation in saying, that should our appropriation for new Machinery pass, the interests of the Mint would, I think, be subserved, by the presence of the Coiner, to superintend the construction of such as will be necessary for his Department. I am afraid too, that the nature of Mr Tyler's constitution is incompatible with his enjoyment, in this climate, of perfect health during the summer months. A visible change has taken place in his appearance, in the last two months. Besides, Mr Tyler's services entitle him, I think, to any indulgence that can properly be extended to him. As to the appointment of an Assistant Coiner for our Mint, I think none is necessary. Mr Tyler, should he go on, will have no difficulty in finding a competent person "attached to the Mint" to take his place during his absence. Will you be kind enough to let me know, in your next letter, what you have to pay in Philadelphia for your Mother's Mittens, and how many pair are used, generally, by each Man, in one Month.

Mr. Cammack informs me, that he has been charged by the Comptroller, with $47.20 for "Extra Compensation to Laborers, for an additional Working day, in Dec. 1842, which has been disallowed and wishes to know, from whom he is to receive this amount. I have told him that I would refer the Question to you — It appears, that a memorandum by Mr. Girault, was made upon the pay roll for that Month, stating that it contained 27 Working days &c. This was an innovation which escaped me, at the time, the odd day, when it occurred, having always been set down, as so much over work, beyond the regular hours — So with February, the full Month is never charged unless there be sufficient overtime to make it up — Will this explanation to the Department, be sufficient to induce the allowance of the item?

I have decided against the introduction of Gas, for lighting the Mint at night, having found that it would be attended with too great an expense —

Very resp.y
y.r ob. Serv.t
JMKennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philad.a

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
April 12. 1844

Recd. " 22. "

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Treasury Department
April 11. 1844.

Sir

I transmit, to your addreſs, by this Mail a Box supposed to contain Coins - which was received at the Department, this morning from N. Orleans.

I remain Respy.

J. C. Spencer
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson -
Director of the Mint
Philada.

From Sec. of Treasury.

April 11. 1844

Rec^d. " 15. "

Mint of the U. S.
April 15. 1844.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending to you, by the present mail, a box of dies, directed on the inner envelope to the Supt. of the Br. Mint at New-Orleans, which I beg you to forward, as hereto-fore, under your frank. — Three other boxes will be sent by successive mails.—

The box of coins from New Orleans, announced in your letter of the 11th, was recd. this morning.

R. M. P.
per. G. F. D.

To
Hon. Jno. C. Spencer,
Sec. of Treasury.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

April 15, 1844.

Mint of the United States,
April 18, 1844.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters of the 2d, 3d, & 6th inst. Packages 1 and 2 of assay coins have also come safely to hand.

The following dies have been sent to you through the Sec. of Treasury:

April 15, – Box No. 1, containing 1 pr. Eagle dies.
" 16, " " 2, " 2 head ½ dollar "
" 17, " " 3, " 1 pr. Eagle "
" 18, " " 4, " 2 head ½ doll. "

~~These will be followed by others as soon as they can be finished~~.–

The delay of your operations for want of dies is much to be regretted. It has resulted from two circumstances; – the protracted illness of our Engraver, and the unlooked-for increase in your coinage. Mr. Gobrecht has been confined to his bed for most of the time during the last three months; and although he works from time to time, as his strength will permit, it has been our wish to call upon him as little as possible. We will lose no time in sending to you a further supply as fast as they are finished. – Your Coiner should be made aware, however, of the feeble condition of our Engraver, that he may take every precaution possible to husband his dies, & prevent a stoppage of the coinage.

Dr. Patterson has not yet returned. While in Washington he had an interview with Mr. McKay, the Chairman of the Committee of Ways & Means, who informed him that the Appropriation bill, so far as concerns the Mints, was in all points in conformity with the Estimates last presented, — being, for your Mint, as stated in the Director's letter to you of Jan. 11th.

Very respectfully, yours
~~your faithful~~
Geo. F. Dunning,
Director's Clerk.

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jas. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

April 18. 1844.

Private.

New Orleans April 28. 1844.

My dear Sir

It is now a long time since I have written to you. Some circumstances have occurred which prevented me from doing so.

The deposites in the Mint for Coinage since the 1st instant have been

Gold. value	$ 1.398.460.–
Silver —"—	– 390.000.–
	1.788.460

and the Coinage will be near a Million & a half for the Month. We have now all the foreign Gold that is in the City, except about 80 or 100.000 Dollars and there is but little more on the way here. & the present rate of Exchange will prevent any more from coming. We shall therefore have but little gold to work on. and for the next month or two must try what we can do with ~~th~~ silver. I suppose that there are about Two Millions of Mexican Dollars in the City which we can get.

I was very much disappointed at the decisn to which you came on the *application* to have *gas* introduced into the Mint. and I fear that the *estimate* which I alluded in my letter did not reach you. The object I had in view was to have the mint properly lighted - with the large amount of bullion and coins that are occasionally on hand this should be done and every accounting officers feels an interest in this, as well for himself, as for the government.

It is not now properly lighted - and to do it with oil would cost more than with gas - & it is almost impossible to keep the oil lamps lighted in windy weather. You are aware that the whole building is accessible when once inside the iron railing - at night every stairs in the building can be passed at pleasure, except the two inside ones in the dwellings of the Coiner and the M&R., - and any servant - or workman sleeping in any part of building can go all over it, at any hour of the night. I now inclose a copy of the estimate by which you will see that the expense proposed (except $6. for small Hall bracket) is entirely for lighting the Mint. The two large lamps are for the centre of the building - in the ground & second story. If you should change your opinion and permit the gas, which I think decidedly we ought to have.

I will be obliged if you will not mention my name.

You are aware that oil is dearer here than with you. and warm weather causes much leakage & waste.

I have omitted to send an order to you to pay for the manuel of Coins which were forwd to me by Mr Eckfeldt. I will do so immediately and will also draw on you for the balance of our assay funds now in your hands. Exche has advanced so as to enable me to do so now without loss.

I have not heard whether you have answered my letter of the 8th March. if you ha not. it is perhaps hardly worth while now

I am very Sincerely
Your mo obt st
H Cammuck

To Dr R. M. Patterson

The distance from the Street to the centre of our buildg is 200 feet. It is this that make the intron of gas so high.

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To Doctor R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas.r Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
April 28. 1844.
Rec.d May 8.

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office April 29th 1844.

Sir:

I have this day, drawn on you, favor of J. Francis Girault, Treasurer's Clerk, for Twenty Six Hundred & Sixty two 20/100 Dollars & in favor of Messrs. J. R. Eckfeldt & W. E. DuBois, for Sixty Dollars, against the funds in your hands, arising out of the Coins reserved for assaying at this Branch Mint, during 1843. The latter I enclose herein & will be obliged if you will hand it to those gentlemen. I have not, disposed of the Books, yet, but have no doubt, that I will succeed in so doing.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. & faithful Servant.

H. C. Cammack Treasurer

To Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

will you do me the favor to have the enclosed assayed and return me the title. No 111.

yrs respectfully
H C Cammack

From
H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
April 29. 1844.
Recd. May 10. "

May 1844

To the Honorable the Judge of the District Court of the First Judicial District of Louisiana.

The Petition of Didier Dreux, Joseph Zenon Trudeau, Louis Amable Charbonnet, Didier Villars and Cecile Ernoul Dugué Livaudais, his wife, Philippe Ernoul Dugué Livaudais, acting as tutor of the minor Jules Ernoul Dugué Livaudais, Aspasie Ernoul Dugué Livaudais, wife of Paul Emile Layet and authorized and assisted by her said husband, Estelle ~~Layet~~ Ernoul Dugué Livaudais, widow of the late François Layet, Laure Dreux, Michel Commagère acting in the premises as tutor of his minor children, Thomas Emile Commagère, Josephine Alcidie Commagère, Anthonia Athénaïs Commagère and Félicité Blanche Commagère, Félicité Blanche Carrier, represented by Pierre Vidal, Michel de Armas, Rosamond De Armas, Arthur de Armas, the latter a minor and represented by his tutor Octave de Armas, Jean Cannon represented by Martin Duralde, Jeanne Dutillet, wife of Louis Ambroise Garidel and authorized and assisted by her said husband, Jacques Philippe Dutillet represented by Edward Lagot, Adelaïde Dutillet represented by Philippe Lacoste, Estelle Dutillet, wife of Eugene Willoz, authorized and assisted by her said husband, Aimée Dutillet, wife of Charles Delery, authorized and assisted by her said husband, Modeste Dutillet, wife of Barthelemy Montreuil, authorized and assisted by her said husband, Aza Dutillet, wife of Victor Carrière and by him authorized and assisted, Eugene Dutillet a minor represented by Elliot Roy, his mother and natural tutrix, Alfred Forstall Edmond Forstall acting as tutor of the minor Ophelia Forstall, Coralie Forstall wife of Gustave Durel and by him duly authorized and assisted, Delphine Morand, widow of the late Charles Hatrel, Mathilde Morand, wife of Cyp~~rien~~zille Bienvenu, and by him authorized and assisted Heloise Morand and Aspasie Morand, widow of the late Antoine Bienvenu, all residing in the Parish of Orleans

Charles Dutillet, Oscar Arroyo, and Elmira Forstall, wife of Anatole Villeré and by him duly authorized and assisted, all residing in the Parish of Plaquemine

Michaëla de Armas, wife of Alfred Duprot, and by him authorized and assisted and Josephine Morand, wife of Marcel Bienvenue and by him authorized and assisted, all residing in the Parish of St. Bernard

François Joseph Enoul Dugué Livaudais, Louis Alexandre Harang, François Octave Harang, Louis Harang, acting as tutor of Theophile Harang, Laure Harang, and Elmire Harang, Leocadie Deschapelles, widow of the late Charles Enoul dugue Livaudais, herein acting tutrix of Charles, Emile, Leocadie, Adolphe, and Corinne Enoul Dugué Livaudais Eveline Delery, late widow of Theophile Villars now wife of Adolphe Villars, by whom she is authorized and assisted, acting in the premises as tutrix of the minors Alcide, Aglaë and Eulalie Villars, Victor Enoul Dugue Livaudais, and Gaston Villars all residing in the Parish of Jefferson

Aurore Villars, wife of Henry B. Favrot, authorized and assisted by her said husband, and Adolphe Villars, all residing in the Parish of East Baton Rouge

Caroline Dubreuil Villars, wife of Thomas

Bishop, and by him authorized and Assisted, both residing in the State of Indiana

Matilda Dubreuil Villars, wife of Joseph Vital Beauvais, and by him authorized and assisted, Marcelite Dubreuil Villars, wife of Joseph Hertzick, authorized and assisted by her said husband, Joseph Dubreuil Villars, Mary Dubreuil Villars, and Anthony Dubreuil Villars, all residing in the State of Missouri

Marcelite Dubreuil Villars St. Cyr, Bonaventure Dubreuil Villars St. Cyr, and Jacob Dubreuil Villars St. Cyr all residing in the City of Havanna Island of Cuba

Respectfully Represents;

That your petitioners are the heirs and legal representatives of the late Claude Joseph Dubreuil Villars and his wife Mary Payen, both of the Parish of Orleans, where they died, the latter about the month of May 1750 and the former about the month of October 1757 that at the period of their demise, the aforesaid Claude Joseph Dubreuil Villars and Marie Payen were the true and lawfully owners of two certain tracts or parcels of land, lying and being in the aforesaid Parish of Orleans, and designated as follows; (Viz); one called the Brewery (Brasserie) adjoining the City of New Orleans, such as it existed in the year 1757 at the death of the said Claude Joseph, and bounded on the side adjoining said City by the lower line of Barrack's Street such as it now exists, and on the lower line by the upper boundary of Enghien Street, such as it now exists said tract of land fronting and bounded by the river Mississippi, on which it has a front of seven arpens eighteen toises, between the aforesaid ~~upper~~ upper and lower boundaries and running back between said boundaries as far as the Bayou St. John and the Gentilly road, that said Claude and Marie were in peaceful and undisputed possession of said tract of land up to the time of their death, as well as of an other tract of land fronting on the river mississipi and running back as far as the Bayou St. John, which said tract or parcel of land was bounded on the upper side by the lower line of Dumaine Street, such as it now is, and on the lower line by the upper limit of Barrack Street x such as it now exists. They further aver that the said Claude and Mary being in peaceful and undisputed possession of the aforesaid two tracts of land of which they were the lawfull owners they the said Claude and Marie erected various improvements thereon consisting of buildings, fences &c and constructed levees in front thereof and complied in other respects with the laws and regulations of the then existing Colonial government of Louisiana as they will prove in due time.

Your petitioners further shew, that a war having broken out between England and France of which latter Country Louisiana was then (Viz; in 1756. and long afterwards a Colony, Governor Kerlerec and Mr. de Rochemore, the former Governor of Louisiana for the King of France and the latter Commissaire ordonnateur of the marine department of said Colony, and possessing the requisite authority for that purpose, caused possession to be taken of two arpens twelve toises front on the said river Missisipi extending in depth to the Bayou St. John, being that portion of the aforesaid tract of land, called the Brewery, immediately adjoining the City of New Orleans and the lawful property of the said Claude Joseph Dubreuil Villars and his heirs; that the possession of the last named portion of the said tract of land was taken after the death of the said Claude and when said land belonged to his heirs (Viz); on or about the year 1759. and under the pretext, on the part of the aforesaid Governor and Commissaire ordonnateur, that said portion of land was requisite and necessary for the defence of the City of New Orleans, and for the purpose of erecting there on barracks for the garrison of said City as well as redoubts and other military defenses, and that the power assumed on the part of the Colonial authorities aforesaid, to divest the said Claude and his heirs of this portion of their land, as well as of the whole tract lying between Dumaine & Barrack Streets, of which they likewise took possession, was asserted and exercised, upon a presumed or express reservation in all Colonial grants of land, which authorized the King of France and his Governors to resume the use of it whenever it should become necessary for the defence of the Country, which ~~rule~~ rule however your petitioners aver was subject to another rule equally obligatory and uniformly acted on to wit: that when the necessity for using the land thus taken ceased, or the authorities entrusted with the defense of the Country ceased to use it and abandoned it as no longer requisite, said land ceased to be a part of the public domain and reverted to the original owner.

Your petitioners further shew, that the aforesaid portions of land thus taken without indemnity or compensation ~~of~~ from the heirs of the said Claude & Marie were appropriated to military defenses by the Colonial authorities of Louisiana and that when the said Colony of Louisiana was afterwards transferred to Spain and finally to the United States 1803 there were a fort and other military defenses erected on a large portion of the aforesaid parcels of land thus taken from the heirs of the said Dubreuil Villars & which were transferred to the government of the United States by the french authorities by virtue of the treaty of cession of Louisiana in 1803 subject however to the same obligations and conditions as were imposed on the French government

Petitioners further shew, that the government of the United States having no longer any use for the military defenses erected on the aforesaid land belonging to the heirs of Dubreuil Villars abandoned them on or about the year 1819, when according to the laws of France and the laws of nations, as well as by the positive stipulations of the 2d and 3d articles of the treaty made and entered into at Paris on the 30th April 1803 between the United States and the republic of France whereby Louisiana was ceded to the former, as well as by various acts of Congress for the quieting of titles to land in Louisiana, the said portions or parcels of land, taken as aforesaid for the military defenses of the city of New Orleans reverted to the heirs of the said Claude Joseph Dubreuil Villiars and his wife ~~&~~ Marie Payen, and that said heirs are the legal owners thereof.

Your Petitioners further aver and charge, that within the limits of the aforesaid land, thus taken for the military defenses of the city of New Orleans, and belonging to the heirs of the aforesaid Claude Joseph, there was included a certain square or parcel of land, lying and being between; front Levee, Esplanade, Levee and Barracks streets, on which certain buildings usually called the mint have been erected; and of which buildings and square or parcel of ground they aver Joseph M. Kennedy, Horace C. Cammack, William T. Hart, Philo B. Tyler, and John L. Riddell are now in possession although they well know that your petitioners are the lawful owners of said square of ground, of which your petitioners aver they have never legally been devested, and which belongs to them as heirs of the aforesaid Claude Joseph Dubreuil Villars and Marie Payne, his wife.

In Consideration of the premises, and whereas, although thereto amicably requested they refuse to give your petitioners possession of the aforesaid square of ground, your petitioners pray that the said Joseph M. Kennedy, Horace C. Cammack, William T. Hart Philo B. Tyler and John L. Riddell be cited to answer this petition and that after due proceedings they be condemned to give petitioners possession of the aforesaid square of ground and to account for the rents and profits thereof since the year 1819 or pay in lieu of such rent and profits the sum of One hundred thousand dollars and they further pray for general relief &c.

(Signed) Henry Clay Jr. atty for Plffs
(") J. Chinn at of Counsel.

~~I acknowledge myself security~~

District Court.
A True Copy.
Clerk's Office
1st May 1844. P. LeBlanc
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Rec. May 15. 1844.

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District Court

Heirs of Claude Joseph
Dubreuil Villars.
Vs.
Joseph M. Kennedy &
als.

Copy of Petition.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans May 7th 1844

Sir

I have kept back, for a day or two, the Statement of our operations in April, for the purpose of enclosing, at the same time, a list of the Assay coins reserved at this Mint, during the same period - As the boxes in which those coins are to be transmitted, are not finished the list has not yet been made out. The whole will be forwarded, in the course of the Week - I send you, in the supposition, that it will be interesting to you, a copy of a petition filed against myself and my Associates in Office, for the recovery of the square of ground occupied by the Mint. The documents which were served upon me, I immediately put into the hands of the District Attorney, and copies of them have also been laid before the Secretary of the Treasury.

Half, and also ¼ dollar die, (the first particularly) are required by us immediately - Be good enough to let us have, if practicable, at least one pair of each, in time to be used before the expiration of the Month.

I am very resp.
y. ob. Serv.
J. M. Kennedy

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint of
the U. S. Pa

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
May 7. 1844.
Rec.d " 16. "

April Report.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint at New Orleans. during the month of April, 1844.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before Deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	74.021	78	74.856	231	1.392.674	05	1.392.674	05		
Foreign Bullion	265	18	37	498	697	64	697	64		
U. S. Bullion	193	83	193	784	3.605	29	3.605	29		
									1.396.976	98
Silver.										
Foreign Coins	263.629	50	262.368	00	305.300	94	305.300	94		
Foreign Bullion	1.936	05	1.701	54	1.979	97	1.972	97		
									307.280	91
					Total Deposites.				$ 1.704.257	89

Coinage.

Denomination	Number of Pieces.	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.					
Eagles	69.700	697.000	00		
Half Eagles.	108.200	541.000	00		
				1.238.000	00
Silver.					
Half Dollars	218.000	109.000	00		
Quarter Dollars.	124.000	31.000	00		
				140.000	00
	519,900				
	Total	Coinage		$1.378.000	00

One deposite of $80.000 in Silver came in at the close of the month and will appear in May.

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office April 30th 1844.
Hcammack
Tr.

Recd May 15. 44.

Statement of Gold & Silver Coins reserved for Assaying at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during April 1844.

Date		Half Eagles	Eagles	Amount	
Gold.					
April 16		40		$ 200	00
" 20		40		200	00
" 24		5		25	00
" 27			6	60	00
" 30		23	63	745	00
		108	69	$ 1.230	00

Date		Quarter Dollars	Half Dollars	Amount	
Silver.					
April 4			6	$ 3	00
" 13		4	18	10	00
" 24		16	4	6	00
" 30		4	15	8	50
		24	43	$ 27	50

Box No 3.

United States Branch Mint.
New Orleans, April 30th 1844.
Wm. P. Hort Assayer
H. Cammack Jr.

Apr 30

Recd. May 16. 1844.

New Orleans Branch Mint

U. S. Branch Mint

New Orleans May 8. 1844

Sir,

The box, N°. 3, of assay coins, corresponding with the list enclosed, was transmitted to you by yesterday's Mail, thro' the Secretary of the Treasury — We have received the 4 boxes of dies announced in M^{r}. Lenning's letter of the 18th. ult^{o}. — It appears that it is the tail ½ dollar dies, of which we are in need at this moment, having three or four dead dies of that denomination —

D^{r}. Hort desires you to send him two sets of bottles numbered from 1 to 10 for the humid assay of Silver. He says, "I lately lost a set, by an accident which was unavoidable at the time, but which cannot again occur" —

Resp^{y}. y^{r}. ob. Ser^{t}.

R. M. Patterson Esq,
Director of the Mint
of the U. S
Philadelphia

J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

From
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
May 8/44.
Recd. 15th.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, May 11, 1844.

Sir,

An absence from the city, on a visit to Washington and to my relatives in Virginia, has thrown my correspondence in arrear; and, even after my return, the application, in your letter of the 12th ult., regarding the proposed absence of Mr. Tyler, ~~delayed~~ prevented, by the difficulties which were attached to it, an earlier answer.

If your deposites were to continue to the same extraordinary amount as they have of late reached to, it would certainly be assuming a high responsibility, to give my approbation to a long-continued absence of the Coiner; and, while I felt the importance of the work which he was to superintend here, I could not bring my mind to consent to his leaving his immediate official duties, while they were so great and pressing. A letter received yesterday from Mr. Cammack has served to relieve me, in part, from this difficulty. He states

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that the gold known to be in New Orleans is now nearly all coined, and that the present rate of exchange is likely to prevent the continuance of the late ~~un~~ unusual importations of foreign specie. In this case, your mint operations must be greatly reduced, and the absence of ~~officers~~ some of the officers, during ~~the summer~~ part of the hot season, may be justified. ~~Of this I~~ On this point you can form a better judgment than myself, and if you shall think that the absence of Mr. Tyler will not be of injury to your establishment, I shall not withhold my consent to it.

~~You will understand, of course, that the passage of~~ ✗.

There is, however, a part of the proposition, as made by Mr. Tyler, which I think objectionable, and which I am therefore glad to observe is not ~~made~~ presented as a necessary condition of his proposed arrangement. ~~for the making the new mach[inery] here~~. It is the appointment of an official Assistant, under the provisions of the 3d Sect. of the Mint act of 1837. I cannot think that a permanent officer of this kind is necessary, and I cannot therefore advise the appointment of such a one because it would be desirable for the present temporary occasion.

✗. the appropriation for new machinery & for machinists is a ~~con~~ necessary condition of this ~~un~~ plan. I was informed, while in Washington, by Gov. McKay, that the Committee of Ways & Means had reported my last estimates as I had presented them.

I wish also that Mr. Tyler should take care that he be not disappointed as to the object of his visit to Philadelphia, by finding that he will not be able to get the use of a shop. I understand that the mech~~anics~~inists are now very generally employed, so that they could not do without *all* their rooms and their tools, and that it might even be difficult to engage suitable master workmen to engage in the making of the press on their own account. Mr. Baldwin can give Mr Tyler all necessary information on these points.

As to Dr. Riddell's application for leave of absence "during a portion of the approaching summer," I would, in such a climate as yours, be liberal in interpreting the phrase "sufficient cause". I presume that there can be no doubt of the entire capacity of Dr. Hort to fulfil the duties of Dr. Riddell's place during his absence.

I do not know how to help you out of the difficulty of the 27 working days charged in Dec. 1842. We always pay here by the month of 26 working days, whether it be ~~February~~ or January or February. Over work can never occur for an *over-day* in the month; nor are deductions made for *under-days*. In truth, the pay is at so much per month; but a day's work is estimated at ~~one~~ $\frac{1}{26}$th part of a month's work.

and over-work is paid by the hour, ~~so~~ each hour being 1/10 th of the wages of a day. — ~~Were there really 27 regular days working days in Dec. 1842, as charged?~~ As you have pursued a different course, however, I should think that your explanation would be received, and the charge allowed, especially as you have made corresponding deductions in February. I would advise, however, that, for the future, you should adopt the course pursued here.

In answer to your question respecting Fire-mittens, I have to state that, in 1843, we used

87	sets of long mits,	at $5.12½ ꝑ set;	...	$435.63
7	" short "	" 4.12½ "		28.87
				$ 464.50

The *set* contains *seven* pairs.
Of the above amount, $70 worth was for ~~th~~ mittens used in the Coiner's department.

This is a large item of expense, ~~and~~ I, at one time, took great pains to inquire into it thoroughly, and propositions were made to other persons to make them, and experiments were tried with other materials. The results ~~were~~ did not lead to any reduction in the cost.

I regret that I have been deprived of the pleasure of your intended visit.

As Mr Tyler has written to me on the subject of his plan for making the new press in Philadelphia, I beg that you will communicate to him the views which I have taken of it in this letter.

R. M. P.
D. M.

To/
Joseph M. Kennedy, Esqr.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

P.S. Will you do me the favor to inform Mr. Cammack that his drafts on me for $6,662.20 and for $60. – have been duly honored; and that the balance now in my hands is reduced to $107.96, of which $64.36 is due for bills now outstanding.

Please also to inform him that the title of the piece of silver which he sent for assay is 897.7 ~~th~~.

The following dies have been sent to you since the last announcement:

April 30 – Box No. 5 containing 1 pr. ½ eagle dies.
May 1 – " " 6, " 1 pr. do. do.
" 2 – " " 7, " 1 pr. do. do.

Others will follow soon.

To/ Joseph M. Kennedy, Esq
Superintendent of Branch Mint
New Orleans.

May 11./44.

May 14 | 1844.

Mrs. Tyler called upon me with a letter just received from her husband, Philos B. Tyler, Coiner of the New Orleans Mint, in which he states that a writ of ejectment had been served upon him and the other officers of that Mint, for holding unlawful possession of property belonging to other persons.

The ground of the claim appears to be this. That the lots occupied by the Mint buildings formerly belonged to a family named Villers. That in 1757 it was taken possession of by the Spanish Government, for the erection upon it of a Fort, and that it was so occupied until 1819. That under the laws of Spain, when property thus seized upon by the government ceased to be occupied by it, it reverted to the original individual proprietor; and that 30 years are allowed, by the Spanish laws, within which time the claim may be legally made. Such claim is now made accordingly made, and suit is brought against the officers of the Mint, in the individual capacities, as the actual occupants of the property. Claim is made not only for the present value, or for the property itself, but also for back rent.

The officers of the New Orleans Mint were preparing a communication on the subject, to the Secretary of the Treasury.

From/ New Orleans Mint.

Recd. May 14 /44.

Information received from the Coiner, Mr. Tyler, (by letter to his wife,) that a writ of ejectment had been brought against the officers of the N. O. Mint, for holding unlawful possession of the property.

(Memorandum on file.)

Treasury Department
May 15. 1844.

Sir

I transmit, to your address, by this Mail, a box received, this morning, from the Branch Mint at New Orleans containing the coins reserved during the Month of April, for assays —

I am very Respy.
McC. Young
Sec. Treas. ad Int.

Dr. R. M. Patterson —
Director of the Mint
Philada..

From/
McClintock Young, Esq
Sec. Treasy, ad int.
May 15/44.
Recd. 16th.

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Mint U.S. May 16 1846.

Sir,

I have great pleasure in acknowledging the report of the operations of your Mint for April. The amount of your deposits and coinage is such as has not failed to draw attention to the importance of the establishment under your charge.

I have also received your box No. 3 of coins reserved for the annual assay, with the corresponding statement of the Treasurer, and your letter of 8th inst.

Your various commissions have been put into the charge of Mr. Downing, and will be attended to without delay. The half-dollar tail dies will be sent to-day.

I thank you for your attention in sending me the copy of the petition filed against yourself and your ~~assoc~~ fellow officers for the recovery of the square of ground occupied by the Mint. You have taken the proper course, in ~~law~~ placing your case in the hands of the

District Attorney, and reporting the whole matter to the Department. I hope it can be made to appear that you are not the true party in possession, but mere ministers of the true possessors and claimants, — the United States. — ~~There is another ground~~

R. M. P.
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To/ Joseph M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

May 16/44.

Bank of Louisiana
New Orleans 21 May 1844 -

H. C. Cammack Esq.
Treasurer of U. S. Br. Mint

Dear Sir: -

Please inform me the Value "per dwt." of Old American Gold Coin made previous to the Act of Congress of 1834: - also the Value "per dwt." of Portuguese Gold Joes: =

Yours. [illegible] Cashr

Unofficial

New Orleans May 22. 1844

Sir

The enclosed note from the Cashier of the Bank of Louisiana was handed to me this morning. We have not found the title of old Amn gold to run over 911 fine at this branch mint while the law of June 1834 requires that it shall be received in payment at 94 8/10 cents per pennywt. I am at a loss to know how to answer this note & I will be glad if you will instruct me.

Some dissatisfaction has been expressed at the result of deposites made with us for coinage, and particularly by Mr Leverich respecting a deposite of 4500 South American Doubloons which made a loss of about 113 $ on the valuation of 15.53. It would be much more satisfactory to me if we could convince him of the correctness of our assays, by having them tested and confirmed by your assayers, to whom, occasionally, assay pieces could be sent.

Such,

I believe, was the practice of the Mint when Mr Forstall was its Treasurer.

I am, with great
respect, Sir
your most obt Servant
H C Cammack

To Doctor R. M. Patterson

I will be obliged if you will
Not Consider it necessary
to Allude to your Correspondence
with Me when you have occasion
to act on any subject on which
I may write —

NEW ORLEANS
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Doctor R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June
1844

(From)
Horace C. Cammack,
Treasurer Branch Mint,
New Orleans.
May 22/44.
Recd June 1st.

Dear Sir

The deposites in the Mint here during the last month were larger than they have ever before been. I send you copy of our Gold & Silver register shewing the description of bullion deposited which will no doubt be useful to you in forming an opinion as to what may be the probable future supply of material for our operations. You will observe that the bulk of the gold deposites, is of the coins of England and France. If the imports into this Country are to continue so much less than the exports exchanges must rule low & Specie will be sent here to purchase them. The import of Specie into New Orleans since 1 September last has been 7.338.565 Dollars. during the whole of the last year it amounted to 10.415.531. Dolls A large part of this, principally gold, has gone into circulation in the upper Country. taking the place of Bank notes.

If the Mint should suspend this summer I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in Philadelphia in August or September.

With great respect
Dear Sir
Your mo obt Servant
H. C. Cammack

New Orleans
May 26. 1844

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Unofficial.

From H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
May 26. 1844
Recd June 10. –
Recd 10th.

Memorandum of Gold Deposites, in April, 1844.

Nos.	By whom Deposited	Description of Bullion	Fineness	Standard Weight	
92	Hyde & Goodrich	Jewelry "Gold Chains"	512	17	464
93	Same	Gold Bars & Dust	902	5	452
94	Bank of Louisiana	Sovereigns	915.5	2.607	954
95	Same	Do	915.5	2.605	940
96	Same	Do	915.5	2.607	394
97	Same	Do	915.5	2.606	155
98	E. E. Gaither	Alabama Gold Dust	888	15	293
99	D. M. Connolly	Ditto Bars	972	6	274
		Ditto Dust	955	44	747
		Ditto do	903	47	116
100	The City Bank	French Gold Coins	899	6.977	888
		Mixed Coins	910	5	874
101	W. C. Raymond	Ditto	886	28	824
102	Canal & Banking Co	Sovereigns	915.5	1.343	394
103	Same	Do	915.5	1.563	816
104	Same	Do	915.5	1.612	765
105	P. F. Tyler	Mixed Coins	892	22	399
106	Ambrose Lanfear & Co	Sovereigns	915.5	1611	819
107	Same	Do	915.5	1337	077
108	Same	Do	915.5	1074	685
		French Gold Coins	899	268	701
109	Mechanics' & Traders' Bank	Sovereigns	915.5	2.606	652
110	Same	French Gold Coins	899	2.625	629
111	Same	Ditto	899	2.583	656
112	Canal & Banking Co	Ditto	899	1.343	705
113	Same	Sovereigns	915.5	1.342	641
114	Bank of Louisiana	Ditto	915.5	2.608	483
115	Same	Ditto	915.5	2.605	380
116	Same	Ditto	915.5	2.688	121
117	Wm Douglass	Bars of Alabama Gold	842	26	251
118	Robb & Hoge	Mixed Coins	873	146	521
119	J. H. Gillmore	Do Do	895	6	394
		Carried forward		44.994	462

		Brought forward		44.994	462
120	W. C. Raymond	Mixed Coins	893	43	677
		Georgia Gold Dust	929	20	066
		Ditto Bars	964	11	696
		Mixed Coins	887	19	789
121	Bank of Louisiana	Sovereigns	915.5	5.368	227
122	Same	French Gold Coins	899	4.849	625
123	Same	Sovereigns	915.5	2.465	482
		Do	915.5	783	769
		Thalers & Guilders	896	69	549
124	Canal & Banking Co	French Gold Coins	899	569	586
		Thalers	892	12	250
125	P. A. Tyler	Gold Separated from Silver	30	6	883
		Ditto " do	20	"	258
126	Gillmer & Spyker	Alabama Gold & Sovereigns	778	5	679
127	J. H. Gillmore	Mixed Coins	887	10	259
128	The City Bank	French Coins	899	3.297	142
		Sovereigns	915.5	1.864	863
		Mixed Coins	899	18	779
129	Same	Sovereigns	915.5	300	985
		Do	915.5	276	511
		French Coins	899	260	889
130	Francis Gertsema	Old Jewelry	615	7	441
131	David Golstein	Alabama Gold Bars	780	6	933
132	J. L. Mustian	French Coins	899	69	732
133	Bank of Louisiana	Sovereigns	915.5	5.214	850
134	Mechanics' & Traders' Bank	Ditto	915.5	3.909	591
135	The City Bank	French Coins	899	618	811
136	David Golstein.	Alabama Gold Bars	842	9	729
		Standard Ounces		75.087	513

Memorandum of Silver Deposites, in April, 1844.

No.	By whom Deposited	Description of Bullion	Fineness	Standard Weight	
89	J. G. Polte	Hamm.d Dollars & Pistareens	872	.452	13
90	Hyde & Goodrich	Old Plate & One Bar	880	328	53
91	John J. Wright, Jr.	Hammered Dollars	852	201	26
92	Williams Whitman & Co	Do Do	858	91	42
93	W. C. Raymond	German & few Mixed Coins	742	413	99
94	S. W. Kirkland	Mexican Dollars	897	86	11
95	P. R. Tyler	Do Do	897	3254	36
96	J. A. Knox	Hamm.d Dolls & Mixed Coins	880	148	37
97	Mechanics & Traders' Bank	Mexican Dollars	897	43.150	48
98	Louis Bonnemer	Old Plate & Church ornaments	730	347	80
99	Henry W. Oren	Ditto & Mexican Dolls.	845	88	91
100	J. L. Sterry	Hamm.d Dolls, Pistareens &c. &c.	875	170	67
101	J. G. Polté	Do Do & Test Bottoms	897	256	59
102	Mechanics & Traders' Bank	Mexican Dollars	897	43.126	16
103	Canal & Banking Co	Do Do	897	53.460	85
104	Same	Do Do	897	32.643	37
105	J. N. Lamothe	Silver Bars	730	102	80
106	J. H. Gillmore	Mixed Coins mostly English	900	89	20
107	Gontier	One Ring	880	138	74
108	P. R. Tyler	" Bar	492	112	88
		Ring	557	7	21
109	W. C. Raymond	German & few Mixed Coins	760	687	92
		Mixed Coins & Counterfeits	770	126	28
110	Canal & Banking Co	Mexican Dollars	896	40.551	96
111	Same	Do Do	896	25.856	71
112	Same	Do Do	896	17.235	85
113	Archibald Dunbar	Silver Spoons & Coffee Pot.	883	113	80
114	Francis Gertsema	Old Plate, Trinkets &c. &c.	850	204	28
115	L. Dobbin	Hammered Dollars	862	424	43
116	J. L. Sterry	Hamm.d Dollars & Pistareens	865	90	39
117	Durand & Uzmean	Do, Change & Mixed Coins	874	106	09
		Standard Ounces		264.069	54

Recd. June 10. 1844.

Copy

U. S. Br. Mint,
New Orleans June 1. 1844.

P. B. Tyler Esq., Coiner,

Dear Sir, Our operations being now greatly reduced with every probability of their continuing so during the remainder of the hot season, I can see no objection to your going in the Alabama, Mr. Brooks having consented to remain in charge of your Department until your return. The length of your absence will of course depend upon the passage of the Appropriation for New Machinery &c. If you should be called upon to superintend the building of a new press, my wish is that you should place yourself entirely under the advice & direction of Dr. Patterson, keeping me informed as to the nature of your arrangements, & the progress of the Work. — If not, you will hold yourself in readiness to return, at a moment's warning, to your duties in the Mint. Will your Department require any repairs during the summer? Be good enough to enter your answer to this question upon the order-book, stating the nature of them, (if any should be necessary,) & the time in which they can be completed, & also what amount of gold and silver, might, (in case of need,) be conveniently worked, per month, in your Department, during your absence.

I am very respectfully,
Yr. ob. Servt.
(Signed) Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt.

~~From~~ To / Philos B. Tyler

Coiner N.O. Br. Mint,

Copy of Mr. Kennedy's letter of instructions to him, respecting new coining press.

Dated N.O. June 1. 1844,

Rec^d. by me Phil. " 17. "

Mint of the United States.
June ~~May~~ 4th, 1844.

Sir,

~~Have~~ In reply to ~~the questions~~ your letter of the 22d ult., I send you the following results of our experience at this Mint.

[Here copy the enclosed M.S. of Mr. DuBois.]

(When any case occurs in which a confirmation of your assays ~~by~~ at this Mint is deemed ~~[illegible]~~ desirable, our services may always be commanded.

R. M. P.
Dr

To H. C. Cammack, Esq
Treasurer of Branch Mint,
New Orleans.

Postscript over.

P.S. The treasurer of the Mint is very urgent that the abortive copper transaction between us should be brought to a close. He has a very proper ambition as a prompt accountant, and does not like that this account should be kept so long open on his books. I therefore suggested to you, that if you could not otherwise dispose of the remainder of copper coins in your hands, they should be sent back to us here.

R. M. P.

To/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Ar June 4. 1844.

X Portuguese gold varies from 912 to 914 fine, or 94.26 to 94.47 cts. per dwt. ~~It averages midway~~. — This of course refers to the genuine coinage; but there is (or has been) a plentiful currency of joes & ½ joes, not more than 875 fine, of private manufacture, & extremely like the genuine. Pieces of this kind get in with the others sometimes, and reduce the assayer's report.

X. The term "South American doubloons" is so general, that a satisfactory reply can hardly be given to this inquiry ~~reply~~. Doubloons of La Plata, Ecuador, and Cent. America might lose as much as is stated. These, however, are very rare, at least with us; the only kind of doubloons of low fineness which come to us in any quantity are those of Popayan mint; it will be seen in the [6]"Manual of Coins" (article Colombia) ~~that these~~ average only

$15.39. Still, this would make less than one-half the deficit complained of.

Many trials here, show that the old U. S. gold Coins, of 1796 to 1832, will not run higher than 911 to 912 fine. The reason of this is shown by referring to the Registers of the Assayers of that period, where it appears they were in the habit of rating Portuguese gold at 22 carats (916⅔) and ~~British~~ British gold at 22–0⅛ to 22–0¼ (918 to 919.3) fine. ~~A~~ The principal ~~It would seem~~ material for our gold coinage was from these sources. ~~also, that when the coins were deficient in weight, a little alloy was added~~

Mr. Eckfeldt has always reported British gold at 915½ fine; which it has maintained, for more than 80 years, with surprising regularity & exactness.

Had ~~the~~ our old coinage been extant in very considerable quantities, it might have been a question whether Govt. would not have been bound to receive them at the Mint at the professed fineness, & make good the deficiency by special appropriation. But as it happened, our issues had been nearly all exported & re-coined & the remaining coins were not sufficient to require legislation, or to make much perplexity. We have made it a rule, when they come unmixed with other coins, to report them at 914. They are always in small parcels, and the difference is immaterial, either to the Mint or the Depositor. ~~However~~, this departure from rigid assay is only in consequence of the peculiarity of the case, and is made in no other instance.

June 4. 1844.

U. S. Branch Mint

New Orleans June 8. 1844

Sir,

I send you Statement of our operations in May, and list of Assay Coins, reserved in the same Month. The box containing them, marked No 4, goes also by this day's Mail — I likewise transmit herewith, a letter to Mr Cammack, from one of our Depositors — please have the strip it encloses assayed and let us know the result — We have no proof, beyond the word of the Writer, that it has been taken from one of the bars constituting his deposite — His assertion, however, I must add, we have no reason to doubt.

I am requested by Mr Brooks to order 3 pr 1/2 dollar, and 2 pr 1/4 Dollar dies —

Respectfully

Y. ob. Servt

J M Kennedy

Supt

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint of the U. S.

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From Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
June 8. 1844.
Recd. " 17. "

May Report.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of May, 1844.

Deposites.

Description of Bullion	Groſs Weight after Melting		Standard Weight.		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before Deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	1.717	49	1.738	657	32.347	09	32.347	09		
Foreign Bullion	47	54	27	685	515	08	515	08		
U. S. Bullion	143	85	132	170	2.458	98	2.458	98		
									35,321	15
Silver.										
Foreign Coins	82,995	00	82,631	29	96,152	77	96,152	77		
Foreign Bullion	2.302	08	2,172	61	2,528	13	2,525	75		
									98,680	90
					Total Deposites.				$134,002	05

Coinage.

Denomination.	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold.					
Half Eagles	16,000	80,000	00		
Eagles.	14,000	140,000	00		
				220,000	00
Silver.					
Half Dollars.	442,000	221,000	00		
Quarter Dollars.	116,000	29,000	00		
				250,000	00
	588,000				
	Total	Coinage		$470,000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office May 31st 1844.
H. C. Cammack
Tr.

Recd. June 17. 1844

List of Gold & Silver Coins reserved for Assaying, during May, 1844. at the Branch Mint at New Orleans.

1844		Remarks.	Quarter Dolls.	Half Dolls:	Half Eagles	Eagles	Amount.	
May	15			8			4	00
"	17			20			10	00
"	21			12			6	00
"	25					14	140	00
"	29			20			10	00
"	31		23	28			19	75
"	"				16		80	00
			23	88	16	14	$ 269	75

Box No. 4.

United States Branch Mint.
New Orleans May 31st 1844.

Wm P. Hort Assayer

H Cammack
Treasr.

Recd. June 17. 1844.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans June 10th 1844

Sir,

I omitted, in my letter of the 8th instant, to acknowledge the receipt of boxes no: 5. 6 & 7, containing the dies mentioned in yours of the 11th ult°. We have also rec'd

Box No. 8 containing 2 half Dollar Dies
" " 9 – " 2 do do do
" " 10 " 1 p^c ¼ Eagle do
" " 11 " 1 p^c do do do
" " 12 " 1 p^c do do do

Will you give me your opinion, of the propriety of our suspending during August and September / The repairs required in the different Departments can, it is true, with one exception / the laying a new floor, in the rolling room, which will occupy about two weeks / be carried on, without the necessity, of any interruption in our operations; but, the two months, mentioned above, being the most oppressive we have, and the men, having for a long time past undergone severe labour, it would be well to give them the period stated, for a resting spell — They would, in the fall, be enabled to go to work, with renewed vigour, and, our year's coinage would not, I think, be materially affected by it —

I hope you will approve of the effort, now making by Mr. Girault, to have his Salary increased — Mr. Tyler, I hear, is to lay the matter before you —

Very respectfully
Yr. ob. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of
the Mint of the U. S.
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R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint U. S.

Philadelphia

Forpm/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
June 10. 1844
Recd. — 19. —

Mint U.S.
June 11 /44.

Sir,

I send, by the present mail, a box of dies for the Branch Mint at New-Orleans, and will send seven more, ~~or~~ by successive mails; and have respectfully to request that you will forward them under your frank as heretofore.

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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th, respecting the purchase of copper planchets for the Mint, and will reply to it as soon as I receive information for which I have applied to the house from which we now receive our supplies.

R.M.P.
Dr

To/
McClintock Young, Esq.
Secretary of the Treasury,
ad interim.

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Sec. of Treasury.

June 11. 1844.

June 1844

Mint U.S.
June 19/44.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., with the statement of the operations of your Mint for the month of May; and I have, to-day, received the box of assay coins announced in the same letter.

Mr. Eckfeldt has assayed the slip of silver sent to you by Mr. Mich, and finds its title to be 857½ ~~tht~~.

Mr. Tyler has arrived among us, and has already begun to take measures for his new press. I am sorry to say that Congress has cut down your appropriation for new machinery to $4000. This is the only change, I believe, that they have made from my last estimates, and I am confident that it has arisen from some mistake, for the Committee of Ways & Means assured me that they had adopted the whole estimate as I presented it.

Mr. Tyler has determined, I think wisely, to build a press of the largest size,— a fac-simile of the last which we have made, and which works admirably. By following this model, he gains the very great advantage of using all our paterns for his castings &c. I hope that he will be able to complete the press for $4000. If he were to build it, by contract, I suppose it would cost five or six thousand; but he will hire a shop & steam power, and tools, and will employ ~~his~~ workmen under his own superintendence, and will thus save the master-workman's profits.

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After the close of the present month, the appropriation for new machinery will be subject to your requisitions, and the necessary funds may be put at the command of Mr. Tyler. It will be proper for you to require of him vouchers for every expenditure, and to guard his disbursements by a rigid system of accountability.

from time to time, to issue his warrant in favor of Mr. Tyler at Philadelphia.

~~But this plan Another is to make the requisitions in my favor, and for me to open an account with Mr. Tyler. This is a troublesome and responsible course which I would gladly avoid; but if you think it more safe and calculated to establish a more guarded system of accountability, I cannot refuse to submit to it.~~

Since I began this letter, I have received yours of the 10th. — I agree with you that it would be, ~~on many~~ desirable that the operations of your Mint should be suspended for the months of August and September; but I think that this course should never be taken without the sanction of the Secretary of the Treasury. I will make this application for you, if you desire it.

I am sorry to say that I cannot see how Mr. Giraults salary can be increased, without ~~asking of~~ obtaining from Congress an amendment of the present laws which limits the salaries of Clerks to $1200.

R. M. P. Dr

To Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To / Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

June 19/44.

P.S. Since ~~box No. 12~~ sending to you the dies, the receipt of which is acknowledged in your letter of the 10th inst., the following additional ones have been forwarded. —

June 11,	Box	No. 13 –	1 pr	Eagle	dies
12	"	" 14 –	1 "	1/2 doll.	"
13	"	" 15 –	1 "	1/2 Eagle	"
14	"	" 16 –	1 "	1/4 Doll.	"
15	"	" 17 –	1 "	Eagle	"
17	"	" 18 –	1 "	1/2 doll.	"
18	"	" 19 –	1 "	1/2 eagle	"
19	"	" 20 –	1 "	1/4 Doll.	"

Mint U. S.
June 24, 1844.

Sir,

I send enclosed a statement of my account with you for the quarter ending on the 30th inst. A balance remains, in my hands, to your credit, of $107.96.

R. M. P.

H. C. Cammack, Esq.

To/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

June 24. 1844.

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office June 24th 1844.

Dear Sir.

In compliance with a suggestion made by you in your letter of the 4th Inst, I have shipped the Copper Coins which remain on hand unsold, back to Philadelphia. They are on board the Barque Robert Morris, being 4 Kegs, bill of lading for which is enclosed, which please hand to your Treasurer.

The annexed account shews sales of 16.820 cents & I owe $168.20 for which sum I will remit a cheque as soon as I can get one at par.

I am, With much respect
Your mo: Obedient Serv.
H. Cammack
Treasurer

To Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

☞ I enclose three small pieces of Silver, which oblige me, by having them assayed & report the title.

From
H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer of Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
June 24/44.
Recd. July 3d.

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Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Director U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

July 1844

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U. S. Branch Mint, New Orleans
July 3d 1844.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of all the boxes, together with the dies announced in your letter of the 19th instant.

I gladly avail myself of your Offer to make application for us, to the Secretary of the Treasury, for leave to suspend the operations of our Mint during the months of August and September. Your approbation of the request, will no doubt, more readily induce the consent of the Department.

I will, in a day or two, draw, in your favor, for the $4000. appropriated for new Machinery — When Mr. Tyler left here, I desired him to be guided, in every thing relating to the new Presses, by your directions — You will confer a great obligation on me, by requiring every item of expenditure to be submitted for your approval, and also by paying the bills contracted by him, upon his order — I can imagine no better means of insuring the money's being well spent, and express my satisfaction, beforehand, with any other mode of payment that you may deem preferable.

I am very respectfully
Yr. Ob. Servt.
J. McLeney
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the
Mint of the U.S.
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Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
July 3/44.

Recd. 12th.

R. M. Patterson, Esq.
Director of the Mint U. S.
Philadelphia

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Three slips of silver, sent
897.8 from the New Orleans Mint,
898.2 with a request to have them
898.5 assayed.

Sent June 24: Recd. July 3. '44.

Mint U.S. — Phil. July 6/46.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for the measures you have taken to bring our copper account to a close. On the receipt ~~and of your check~~ of the kegs of cents, and of the check announced by you, that transaction will be at an end.

The pieces of silver sent by you have been assayed separately by Mr. Eckfeldt, although they were undistinguished, and seem to have been taken from the same bar. The results are

897.8
898.2
898.5.

R.M.P.

To/
Horace C. Cammack, Esq.

To/
H. C. Cammack, Esq
(Treasurer Br. Mt.),
New Orleans.
July 6/44.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans July 10th 1844

Sir,

I send herewith, statement of our Operations during the last month, and list of assay pieces reserved from deliveries made at our Mint within the same period. The box containing them, marked N°. 5, will be transmitted to you, thro' the Treasury Department, by tomorrow's mail.

very respectfully
Yr. ob. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philadelphia

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Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
July 10 /44.
Recd. 19th.

List of Gold & Silver Coins reserved for Assaying at the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, during the month of June. 1844

1844			Dollars	cts
June	15	34 Half Dollars.	17	00
"	20	6 ditto.	3	00
"	27	24 ditto.	12	00
"	"	11 ditto.	5	50
			$ 37	50
		Gold.		
June	27	40. Half Eagles.	200	00
		Total	$ 237	50

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office June 30th 1844.
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer

Wm. P. Hort
Assayer

Box No. 5.

June 30

Rec^d. July 19. '44.

H. C. Cammack

New Orleans. La.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of June, 1844.

Deposites											Coinage					
Description of Bullion.	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before Deductions		Denomination	Number of Pieces.	Value		Total Value	
	Ounces	dec.	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts			Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.											Gold.					
Foreign Coins	8,061	70	8,060	631	149,965	22	149,965	22			Half Eagles.	40,000	200,000	00		
Foreign Bullion	25	15	14	779	275	33	275	33								
U.S. Bullion	7	03	6	625	123	22	123	22								
									150,363	77					200,000	00
Silver.											Silver.					
Foreign Coins	17,794	15	17,810	02	20,724	38	20,724	38			Half Dollars.	378,000	189,000	00		
Foreign Bullion	1,110	35	1,135	73	1,321	58	1,321	58								
									22,045	96					189,000	00
					Total Deposites.				$172,409	73		Total Coinage.			$389,000	00

July 9. Delayed until today - the books of the Treasurers office not having been closed until this day. HCC

U.S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office June 30th 1844.
H. C. Cammack
Treasr

Recd. July 19.'44.

NEW ORLEANS - 1844

Mint of the United States.
July 17th, 1844.

Sir,

I am requested, by the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New-Orleans, to ask your consent to a suspension of the operations of that Mint, for the months of August and September, of the present season. The climate of ~~that city~~ New Orleans is such as to have ~~heretofore rendered~~ rendered necessary an interruption of the work at the Mint there, during part of every summer since its establishment. In the first season an effort was made to avoid this, and the death of two valuable officers and of several of the men was the consequence.

The labors of the present year, at that Mint, have been very great, the coinage for the first five months amounting to $3,426,000. To accomplish this, the men have been obliged to work at extra hours and ~~the officers think it~~ it is judged necessary that ~~they~~ an opportunity should be given to them to leave the city and to recruit their strength.

You are aware that a general diminution of business, amounting almost to a suspension, occurs at New Orleans every summer. This circumstance has its influence on the deposits at the Mint for coinage, ~~at~~ and makes a temporary suspension of its work of trifling inconvenience, if any, to the business community.

Under these circumstances, I cheerfully join the Officers of the New Orleans Mint, in asking your consent to a suspension of their operations for the two next months.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R.M.P.

To/
Hon. Geo. M. Bibb,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To/
Sec. of Treasury.

July 17/44.

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Treasury Department
July 19. 1844.

Sir

Your letter dated the 17th inst, asking the consent of the Department to a suspension of the operations of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans during the Months of August and September has been received.

If you are satisfied that the public convenience will not be affected or dissatisfaction given by such suspension you are authorised to direct it.

I am very Resp'y.
Geo: M, Bibb
Sec of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada.

From/
Sec. of Treasury.
July 19. 1844
Recd. " 22. ~

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Mint U.S. July 20/46.

Dear Sir,

~~I thought I should have seen you before this time; but I suppose that you have been necessarily detained at Springfield longer than you contemplated when you left here.~~

Mr. Tyler has been to see me this morning, respecting the transfer to the U.S. Mints of the use of the patent counting machine. It will be necessary, in order to do this in such legal form as we may expect to be satisfactory to the Department at Washington, that we have ~~a copy of~~ the originals, or certified copies of the patent and of Mr. Tyler's will. If you have not these documents, I beg that you will take immediate measures for procuring them.

George Eckfeldt informs me that the founder has failed again and again in your brass castings; a few only having succeeded. At ~~tt~~ last he despairs, and the patterns will be immediately sent on to you, to be cast in Springfield. It will be proper, I think, that you should wait to receive them, and put them in the hands of the founder.

I fear that you are losing precious time in the progress of the press. Would you not do well to have the necessary progress begun immediately? The workman (Joshua Morgan) that made ours is engaged now at the Mint, as an extra hand, and he could ~~see~~ be employed to have yours executed, and George Eckfeldt would give the necessary superintendence. Let me know your wishes.

Mr. Kennedy writes that he ~~will draw an order on~~ make a requisition on the Treasury Department, in my favor, for $4000, to be appropriated for your use, in ~~the~~ making the press.

R.M.P.

To/
Philos B. Tyler, Esq

To Philos B. Tyler, Esq
Springfield,
Mass

July 20/44.

Mint U.S.
July 22/46.

Sir,

I received, on the 12th inst., yours of the 3d, and, at your request, made application to the Secretary of the Treasury, for his consent to a suspension of the operations of your Mint ~~&~~ during the months of August and September. I received, this morning, his answer, of which a copy is subjoined; and, under the authority there given, I consent to the suspension of your labors.

Mr. Tyler has not yet returned from Springfield, but the castings and rough work of the press are going on here. — ~~The draft which you~~ I will do all I can to forward this important ~~matter or work~~ operation.

Your letter of the 10th, with the report of your operations for June, was received on the 19th, and this morning I have received the box of coins reserved for the annual assay.

Let me hope that your contemplated visit to the North will be made during the approaching intermission of your labors, and that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in Philadelphia

R. M. P.

To
Jas. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint.
New Orleans.

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

July 22. 1844.

Treasury Department
July 23d 1844.

Sir,

A letter under date of the 11th inst. received in the course of the public business from Mr. Kennedy, Superintendt. of the U. S. Branch Mint at New Orleans, contains the following paragraph.

"As the new Machinery required for this Mint is to be made in the
"North, I am desirous of placing the sum of $4000 lately appropriated
"for Machinery & Machinists" in the hands of the Director of the Mint
" of the U. S. in Philadelphia. You will therefore much oblige me by also
" issuing a Warrant in his favor for that amount."

The remittance, which I have this day directed to be made to you, of a sum of $4000 in compliance with the above request, as authorized by an Appropriation for those objects at that Branch of the Mint, by an Act of Congress Approved June 17th 1844 will be sufficiently explained by the extract which is made from Mr. Kennedy's letter; I have only to add, that the amount will be transmitted by the Treasurer of the U.S. as soon as the Warrant passes the usual forms of business.

Very Respectfully Sir,
I remain Your Obt. Servt
Geo: M. Bibb
Secretary of the Treasury.

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

From
Sec. of Treasury.
July 23/44.
Recd. 24th.

July 1844

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office July 23. 1844

Dear Sir

I received your esteemed favor of the 16th in due course and would have answered it sooner, but have been trying to get a cheque on Philadelphia at par. I have not succeeded but have been compelled to pay 1% premm. for the annexed, which I suppose I must lose as I have no account that I can charge it to. The cheque is for $168 20/100 is drawn by the Mechanics & Traders Bank of this City on the Bank of Commerce New York and is endorsed by me to the Treasurer of your Mint, and ~~balances~~ covers for balance of sales of Copper Coins, as per account rendered.

The result of the assay of the pieces of Silver sent to you, corresponds with the title found here. They were from a deposite of Mexican Dollars - title of wh was returned 898.

Very respectfully
& sincerely Yours
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer

To Doctor R. M. Patterson

From
H. C. Cammack, Esq
Treasurer of Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
July 23/44.

Rec'd Aug. 1.

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To Doctor R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

JUL 23

Springfield July 24th 1844

Dear Sir

I receiv'd your letter of the 20th. yesterday. and immediately wrote for a copy of the will & the patent which I have in New Orleans.

You write me that the patterns for brass castings will be forwarded to me. I shall be on the look out for them, but lest some mistake should occur I beg if you have not done so, that you will inform me by what means they have been sent &c. I will remain & put them in the hands of the founders as you advise.

You say you fear that I am losing precious time in the progress of the press. but I am unable to see in what respect. for I am confident that the arrangement made by me before I left. will accomplish all that could be done if I was there. untill the principle castings are cast and planed ready for the workmen to commence upon. I requested Mr George Eckfeldt to press the work forward as fast as possible & to let me know some time before they should be completed, and a few days since I received a letter from him, stating that *some* of the iron castings were made and that he expected *all* would be in about 10 days. and that the planing would be commenced in a few days, or immediately.

I knew that there could be no advantage derived from my returning untill the arch & table were planed, & I wrote him to urge the planing as soon as possible, and to let me know at least four days beforehand ~~&c~~, when they would be completed.

As to the forgings I explained to George the reasons why I did not wish to do them untill the other work was in progress, which were that, in consequence of the convenience of having a smith at the time the work is going on, for the purpose of repairing tools and making a thousand little things which cannot be known beforehand, and considering that the small forgings were very few comparitively, and were not required except as the work progressed, and that there is a forge connected with either of the shops in view, at the same price. I thought it quite important that the light forgings should be delayed untill they were required.

The heavy forgings should all be in readiness if possible such as the parts forming the elbow joint. The block above the wedge, the centre block, and the ball & socket. These with the table & arch will furnish the first work to be done. to more workmen than we can employ. I shall be very glad if George can engage three or four good workmen as I shall not be able to get more than two or three from this quarter. I hope you will inform me of the time the arch and table will probably be planed. I presume I shall have no difficulty in getting the brass castings at Ames:— Very Sincerely Your Faithful Servant

To Dr R.M. Patterson.

R. Blake Tyler

From
Philos B. Tyler, Esq.
Springfield, Mass.
July 24/44.
Recd. 27th.

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director U.S. Mint
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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans August 7th 1844

Sir,

You will perceive, by the enclosed statement, that in July, we did little or nothing. About the middle of the month, considering the prospect before us, with regard to deposites, and relying confidently, upon the consent of the Department, to the proposed suspension of our operations during August and September, I gave leave of absence to the Assayer and Melter & Refiner - I also advised Mr. Brooks, to discharge those of his men whose services would not be required during the "intermission of our labours". This had already been done by Dr. Riddell, in his Department = Mr. Cammack with his family, left this city, for the North, a day or two ago, and to Mr. Brooks, whose request has also been concurred in by Mr. Tyler, I also gave leave of absence - He went yesterday afternoon, leaving Mr. Mitchell, upon the suggestion of Mr. T. in charge of the Coining Department.

I thank you for the assistance you are giving in the building of our new press, and for your promise to forward the work –

R. M. Patterson Esqre
Director U. S. Mint
Philada.

Very respectfully
Y. O. Sert.
J. M. Kennedy

P. S.

The assay coin reserved from the delivery made during the last month will be sent to you in the first package forwarded after our Examination =

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.
Aug. 7. 1844.
Rec'd. " 16. "

August 1844

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of July 1844.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before Deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold										
Foreign Coins	7	27	7	156	133	13	133	13		
Foreign Bullion	37	70	23	479	437	19	437	19		
									570	32
Silver										
Foreign Coins	1.283	00	1.041	18	1.211	55	1.211	55		
									1.211	55
					Total Deposites				$1.781	87

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dolls.	Cts	Dolls	Cts
Gold					
Half Eagles	1.400	7.000	00		
				7.000	00
Silver.					
No Coinage this month.					
	Total Coinage			$7.000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office July 31st 1844.
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer

Recd. Aug. 16. 1844.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans August 22nd 1844

Sir,

I have notified Mr Cammack, in a letter which went by yesterday's mail that I have expressed to you my wish, to take possession of the dwelling in the Mint prepared, with the approbation of the Department, for the Superintendent - He will write to you in reply, immediately upon its receipt.

Any doubt as to the right of the Superintendent to the residence in question, can be easily removed. A communication, from the then Secretary of the Treasury, to my predecessor, Mr Bradford, dated June 13th 1839, and now on file in my Office, contains the following passage:

" By a communication recd from Dr Patterson this
" morning it would seem, that the alterations in the
" original plan of the Building, which were submitted
" to, and approved by the Department in Dec. 1835,
" were such as would evidently have diminished the
" cost of the Building - The principal alteration
" was in the Eastern wing, by dispensing with the
" ground arches, and furnaces, with which it was
" by the first plan to be fitted up, and having it
" prepared merely as a residence for the Super-
" intendent."

If you will have the kindness to turn to one of the first letters, addressed to you by me, after my appointment, you will find, that the reason which I assigned, for not inhabiting the premises myself and allowing Mr C. to do so, was, that I gave the preference to my own residence — That preference still exists, but it is now unfortunately, no longer in my power to gratify it. I have for some time past, rather than disturb Mr Cammack, to whom the fact has long been known, paid, — at great inconvenience, for the said residence, a heavy rent, in the way of interest upon a debt secured by mortgage on the same. Finding myself unable to continue to do so I have been compelled to give up the property, in payment of the debt. Under those circumstances, I cannot believe, that Mr Cammack will make any difficulty in acknowledging the justice and propriety of my request.

If I should be mistaken, and you should be called upon to decide between us, I pray you to bear in mind that all the authority, that he has ever received to occupy the dwelling "prepared for the Superintendent", ~~and~~ ~~that he~~, ~~for~~ has emanated from myself alone, without any consultation whatever, and that of my right thereto, I have consequently never been divested —

There is a strong reason, with which I have no personal connexion, why the Superintendent should inhabit the dwelling in question. I do not urge it with a view of strengthening my own case, but mention it as a friend to the Institution. It is, that as he would then of necessity, be, during a much greater portion of his time, in the Mint, he would be more apt, to be looked upon as its principal Officer. This is a matter about which, he is now, sometimes called upon to set persons right, both in the Establishment, and out of it. (I make this last remark in confidence and for its truth appeal to Mr. Ec.)

I doubt not that any argument which may, in the solution of the question, suggest itself to your mind, based upon necessary responsibility, will receive all the consideration to which it may be entitled, when I state that there is at this time in gold and silver, and will continue to be during the whole of the Treasurer's absence from the Mint, over Two Hundred Thousand dollars in the Vaults.

I am very respectfully
Yr. ob. Serv.
J. McKenney
Supt.

Rt. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint of the U.S. Philada.

P.S. I have concluded

Recd. Aug. 30 - '44.

to give you a copy of what I have said to Mr. Cammack addressed, as directed by him previous to his departure. If you should have no reply thereto, within a week after the receipt of this letter, I put myself in your hands, and will await your instructions, hoping that they will be made known to me, with as little delay as practicable.

(Copy)

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans
August 21. 1844.

H. C. Cammack Esq. Treasurer

My dear Sir,

I have lost, and must soon give possession of, the Residence occupied by me, ever since my appointment as Superintendent of the Mint, and my circumstances, as you well know, are such, that I am unable to pay rent.

I am therefore reluctantly compelled to state, that the privilege which I gave you (based, as you no doubt recollect, upon my preference at the time, for my own house) of inhabiting the dwelling in the Mint, prepared for the Superintendent, can continue no longer than for such time as you may require to procure another — This you can no doubt effect, thro' your agent, by the 1st of October — I have written on this subject to Dr. Patterson, and have stated to him, that you will at my desire, immediately upon the receipt of this letter, signify to him, either your acquiescence in this application, or any reasons you may have to offer for adopting a contrary course = In the latter event, he will decide —— I flatter myself that before making your communication to the Director, you will reflect, 1st That the only authority, ever received by you, for occupying the premises in question, was derived from me alone, 2ndly that you have had an uninterrupted enjoyment of them, during five years, & lastly, that this step on my part, is dictated by stern necessity. I am resp. your

Friend and Servant
Sig. J. M. Kennedy, Supt

care of Silas Wood Esq, New York.

From
Jos. M. Kennedy Esq
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans.
Aug. 22/44.

Recd. 30th.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint of the
U. S.
Philadelphia.

Astor House
New York Sept 11. 1844.

My dear Sir

I arrived here this morning ~~and~~ from Boston - and intend to leave tomorrow evening for Philadelphia and will have the pleasure of seeing you on Friday - I have a letter from Mr Guirot dated 31 ultimo - all was right at the Mint - Mr Kennedy and Mulchiro were over the lake.

I am, very respectfully
Your mo obt st
H C Cammack

Dr R M Patterson

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From H. C. Cammack, Esq.
New York.
Sept. 11. 1844.
Recd " 13. "

dear Sir

I arrived here last evening and have been the greater part of today at the Treasury department. My accounts as far as audited are all correct - and only one, the last Bullion account, remains without final action - but has passed the lower offices. I have not seen the Secretary of the Treasury - but Mr Young could not find any Correspondence bearing on the subject of the dwelling house in the Mint occupied by me. He remarked however that he considered the Treasurer the proper person to have the house, but that the Director at Philadelphia was more informed and better able to judge of on this point than they were here.

I shall leave here early tomorrow morning and expect to be in New Orleans about the 1st proximo

very sincerely
Your Mo Obt St
H C Cammack

Fullers Hotel
Washington 18 Septr 1844

Dr R M Patterson

I was disappointed in not seeing Mr Tyler again in Philadelphia - He spoke to me of his salary for the present quarter, which I proposed to pay by a cheque on the Bank in New Orleans. perhaps it would be as well for him to draw on me for the amount and at the same time remit t me his duplicate receipts. —

From
Horace C. Cammack
Washington,
Sept. 18/44.
Rec'd. 20th.

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

WASHINGTON CITY D.C.
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Mint of the United States
Sept. 27th, 1844.

Sir,

Your letter of the 22d of August, respecting your desire to take possession of the apartments of the Mint building, now occupied as a residence by Mr. Cammack, was received by me on the 30th.; and, ~~was~~ in compliance with your request, my answer was delayed until Mr. Cammack's action in the case should be made known to me. This was done at personal interviews which I had with him a few days past, when he expressed his determination not voluntarily to yield up his residence at the Mint, nor to do so without such positive instructions as he must feel bound to obey.

In this position of things, you have supposed that it would become my office to decide between you. Now on this point

I see no reason to change the opinion expressed to you in my letter of the 18th of April 1843, in which I state that I cannot feel myself called upon "to interfere in the matter, unless asked by the Secretary of the Treasury;" and say, "if you have changed your [former] wishes on the subject [of the residence,] "it will be proper that you make application on the subject to the Secretary."

To act at all in this matter could not be otherwise than painful to me; I am sure, therefore, that you will excuse me for declining to act when I cannot claim the power to decide.

R. M. P.
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To
Joseph M. Kennedy, Esq
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

P.S. – Application has been made to me for the usual estimates for the Mint & Br. Mints, for the fiscal year commencing the 1st of July next. Let me beg you, then, to send me an estimate for your Branch, at as early a day as practicable. You will please, in presenting the grounds of your estimates, to have regard to the formula which I sent to you on the 14th of November last.

R. M. P.

To Joseph M. Kennedy, Esq.,
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sept. 27/44.

September 1844

Philadelphia 27 Sep 1844
Office of Atty of U.S.

Sir

Your note of yesterday, I am sorry to say, presents a subject for consideration not entirely free from difficulty

The section of the act of 1844 authorising the purchase of the apparatus for counting coins for the use of the Mint and branch mints of the United States contemplates a grant of the *perpetual* right; which certainly the Patentee, whose title is limited to fourteen years from the 11th of October 1841, has it not in his power to do. This objection is, however, obviated by the 18 section of the act of 1836. which allows the Patentee, after the expiration of the term to apply for the extension of the same for seven years and no longer and reserves the benefit of such renewal to the assignees and grantees - So that the U States would have the full enjoyment of a perpetual grant, altho' not in terms.

More embarrassment arises out of the papers submitted - the Patent and the copy of the last will and testament of Rufus Tyler in connection with the act of 1836.

Rufus Tyler, being the inventor of an unpatented improvement in a certain apparatus for counting coins, made his will and died. He left a widow and several minor children, all of whom, except one, are still in their minority. He appointed Philos B. Tyler his sole Executor and gave him the control of all his estate except the improvement above mentioned, which he bequeaths to his son William for his own use and that of his mother, brothers and sisters. William died in his minority -

Under the 10 Section of the act of 1836 the Patent was rightfully granted to the Executor Philos B. Tyler. There is an error, however, in granting to him in trust for the heirs at law of Rufus Tyler. It ought to have been in trust for the persons named in the will of Rufus Tyler. But this I do not consider to be a fatal defect in the instrument, as it may be reformed and a Court of Equity would take care that the proceeds of sale would be properly distributed

That about which my mind is most perplexed is as to the right to sell and assign.

The 10 Section of the act of 1836 directs the grant to be made to the Executor in trust &c -

The will of Rufus Tyler excepts "this improvement" from a general power given to his Executor to dispose of his Estate -

There is no apparent inconsistency between the law and the provisions of the will - The Executor might hold in trust &c without selling; altho' it would be highly injurious to the interests of those concerned not to sell. The profits of patents do not always arise from the assignment of them - In this instance, it seems to me, there will be no profits if there be no power to sell

In cases of trusts in wills, without the power to sell, it is always advisable, when the interests of all are to be promoted by the sale, first to obtain the power to sell from the Legislature -

On the other hand the 10 Section puts the Executor in the stead of the inventor in trust &c with as full power and subject to the same restrictions, conditions &c as to the Patent as He would have enjoyed in his life time, had he obtained it. This empowers him to sell and aſsign, and if in conflict with the terms of the will, the law must be paramount.

As Congreſs has had the subject under consideration and appropriated twenty five hundred dollars for the purchase and as it is most clearly advantageous to both parties that the purpose of the Government should be carried out and as there appears to be a general acquiescence of all concerned, as far as they are capable of acquiescing, and as the Government will be able hereafter to protect herself from any unjust claim I have not much hesitation in advising the transfer to the United States by Philos B. Tyler, the Patentee according to the accompanying form. I would also recommend that the widow and daughter, who has paſsed her minority, and the Guardians of the minor children, if there be any, should unite in approving the same in writing. The aſsignment must be recorded in the Patent office within three months

I am very truly
Your obt Servt
H. M. Watts

To
R. M. Patterson Esquire
Director of the Mint of U. S.

Whereas I Philos B Tyler, Executor of Rufus Tyler deceased, of the City of New Orleans, State of Lousiana, did obtain letters Patent of the United States for "a certain improvement in Machines or apparatus for Counting Coin &c, for the benefit of the heirs at law of the said Rufus Tyler which letters Patent bear date the eleventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight-hundred and forty one; and whereas by an act of Congress passed the seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four the sum of twenty five hundred dollars has been appropriated for the purchase of the perpetual right for the Mint and branch Mints of the United States to the use of a patented apparatus for counting coins invented by the late Rufus Tyler: Now this Indenture Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of twenty five hundred dollars to me in hand paid as Executor as aforesaid and in trust for the heirs or devisees of the said Rufus Tyler, the receipt ~~of which~~ whereof is hereby acknowledged, I have assigned, sold and set over and do hereby assign, sell and set over all the right title and interest which I have in the said invention of the said Rufus Tyler deceased, granted to me by virtue of the tenth section of the act passed on the fourth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, entitled an

"An act to promote the progress of useful arts and to repeal all acts and parts of acts heretofore made for that purpose", and secured to me by said letters patent to and for the use of the Mint and branch Mints of the United States now or hereafter to be established ~~and for the perpetual enjoyment of the United States without limitation or restriction~~. The same to be held and enjoyed by the United States to the full end ~~of the~~ term for which the said letters patent are or may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me had this assignment and sale not have been made, ~~and forever thereafter it is fully understood that after the end of the term as aforesaid the United States shall hold and enjoy the perpetual right to the use of the said patented apparatus, as is expressed in the aforesaid act of the seventeenth day of June last~~.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this day of one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

In presence of

Seal

Whereas I, Philos B. Tyler, Executor of Rufus Tyler deceased, of the city of New Orleans, state of Louisiana, did obtain letters patent of the United States for "a certain improvement in machines or apparatus for counting coin, &c" for the benefit of the heirs at law of the said Rufus Tyler, which letters patent bear date the eleventh day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty one; and whereas by an act of Congreſs paſsed the Seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty four, the sum of twenty five hundred dollars has been appropriated for the purchase of the perpetual right for the Mint and Branch Mints of the United States to the use of a patented apparatus for counting coins invented by the late Rufus Tyler;— Now this indenture witneſseth that for and in consideration of the sum of twenty five hundred dollars to me in hand paid as Executor as aforesaid, and in trust for the heirs or devisees of the said Rufus Tyler deceased, ~~granto~~ the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I have aſsigned sold and set over and do hereby aſsign sell and set over, all the right title and interest which I have in the said invention of the said Rufus Tyler, deceased, granted to me by virtue of the tenth section of an act paſsed on the fourth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, entitled "an act to promote the progress of the useful arts, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts heretofore made for that purpose", and secured to me by said letters patent, to and for the use of the ~~said letters patent~~ of the Mint and Branch Mints of the United States now or hereafter to be established. The same

~~Whereas in and by a certain indenture made on the day of the date — day of — in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & forty four Rufus Tyler Philetus B. Tyler, executor of Rufus Tyler deceased, of the city of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, for divers good and sufficient considerations therein recited, and in consideration further of the sum of Twenty-five hundred dollars them in hand paid as executor as aforesaid and in trust for the heirs or devisees of the said Rufus Tyler, did assign sell and set over,~~

We ~~the undersigned~~, ~~the under~~ Elizabeth Tyler, widow of Rufus Tyler, deceased, Ellen K. Tyler, daughter of full age of the said Rufus Tyler, and Mary B. Tyler, Lucy Tyler, & Patterson Baldwin Tyler, minor children of the said Rufus Tyler deceased, by our tutrix or guardian the said Elizabeth Tyler, do hereby recommend and agree to the terms and conditions of ~~the~~ a certain indenture ~~executed~~ made the — day of — in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and forty four ~~between~~ by Philetus B. Tyler, executor of the said Rufus B. Tyler, deceased, ~~and the United States~~ whereby the said executor has assigned, to the United States, for the use of the Mint and Branch Mints all ~~his~~ the right title and interest ~~in patent~~

~~in a for~~ of him the said Exor in ah patent obtained by him for "a certain improvement in machines or apparatus for counting coin &c." for the benefit of the heirs at law of the said Rufus Tyler, which letters patent bear date the eleventh day of October One thousand eight hundred and forty one.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this —— day of —— A.D. one thousand eight hundred & forty four

Executed in the presence of

~~Elizabeth Tyler~~

~~Ellen L. Tyler.~~

~~Elizabeth Tyler~~
~~Guardian &c.~~

Dear Walter,

Have (if you choose) two copies executed, one headed "Counterpart" — I mean of both agreements. Yours

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dents of the United States,

From/ H. M. Watts, Esq.,
U.S. Dist. Att'y
Phil. Sept. 27. 1844
Recd. ~ 30. ~

Mint of the United States
Oct. 5. 1844,

Sir,

I send herewith a Statement of my account with you for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, accompanied by the proper vouchers, & showing a balance to your Credit, on that day, of Two Thousand, Six hundred & Eighty five 09/100 dollars ($2,685.09.)

I have written to Mr Kennedy on the question of the Mint residence.

Very Respectfully
Your faithful Servant
R.M.P.
Director

To/ H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treas. Br. Mint
New. Orleans

To/ H. C. Cammack, Esq./
Trea, Br. Mint
New Orleans

Oct. 5. 1844.

October 1844

Private

New Orleans 13 October 1844.

My dear Sir

After great delay on the way, and sinking once in the Alabama river, we arrived here yesterday morning in good health. Mrs Cammack left immediately for the plantation of her father to see the little children. I have not seen Mr Kennedy yet. Mr Brooks arrived a few hours after me. The mint was open for deposites on the 1 October and some 20. or 30. small ones have come in, which have been melted and assayed & delivered to the M.&R. I am sorry to find that the weigh master has left the mint and that Mr Kennedy has appointed a brother of his, who is very young and has had no experience whatever in any thing like books or accounts.

and who for the present at least is totally useless. There is an abundance of Silver for Coinage in the City, which can be got - & we shall likely have enough to do. At Mobile I saw the President and Cashier of the Bank of Mobile and they promised to ship to me, direct, some 3 or 4 hundred thousand Dolls in gold, principally Sovereigns, to be Coined.

The vacancy in the Bank of Louisiana is still left open.

I am very sincerely
Your frd obt St
H. Cammack

Dr R. M. Patterson

When leaving Phi.a I ordered from Cornelius &c. some articles for my brother and referred him to you. If he require it will you please pay him for me. Some $52. I believe -

From
R. C. Cammack,
Treasurer of Br. Mint
New Orleans,
Oct. 13 / 44.
Recd. 24th.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Oct 19. 1844

Sir,

Having understood from Mr Girault, that you have expressed a wish, to receive a monthly return from our Mint, whether we be at work or not, I enclose a document, shewing that our operations were suspended during August and September. I also send you our Estimate for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st of July next. You are aware that Mr Girault desires his salary to be increased to $1800. I have already given you my opinion upon this matter, and leave it to you, to make the alteration, if you should think proper.

Be good enough to send us immediately three pair of 1/2 dollar dies, and also, at the request of Dr Riddell

50 black lead melting pots No 10
50 do " " " 35
50 do " " " 40
100 Covers assorted sizes, and 4 doz glass matrasses, for parting. I am very respy. Sir
Yr ob. Servt
J. P. McLemes
Supt

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of the Mint of the
U. S. Philada

From
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq
Supt Branch Mint
New Orleans
Oct. 19 / 44

Recd. 25th.

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Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during August & September 1844

Deposites		Coinage	
Gold.	None deposited	Gold.	None coined
Silver	None deposited	Silver	None coined.

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office September 30th 1844.
J. Francis Girault
Tr. Clk.

From Girault —
New Orleans Branch Mint

Monthly Report for
September, 1844.

Rec^d. Oct. 28th.

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Estimate for the New Orleans Branch Mint.

For the Half Year Ending 31st December 1845.

Salaries of Officers & Clerks	$6.450
Wages of Workmen	9.500
Incidental Expenses, Fuel, materials, Stationery, Water rent, repairs & Wastage	16,000
	$31,950

For the Half Year Ending 30th June 1846.

Salaries of Officers & Clerks	$6.450
Wages of Workmen	9.500
Incidental Expenses	7,000
	$22,950
For Machinery & Machinists	5,000

From

New Orleans Branch Mint

Estimate for Fiscal Year ending 30 June, 1846.

Rcd. Oct. 28th, /44.

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Branch Mint Treasurer's office
New Orleans 23 October 1844.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 5. October with the account Current and vouchers.

Mr Kennedy has not said a word to me about the Mint residence. On my arrival here I found a letter on my desk from him enquiring if either you or myself had laid the matter before the Treasury department -

I am very respectfully
your faithful Servant
H. Cammack
Treasurer

To
Doctor R. M. Patterson.

From
H. C. Cammack,
Treasr. of Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Oct. 23 / 44.

Rec. Nov. 1.

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 29 Octr 1844

Sir

I enclose herein a counterfeit ~~half~~ qur. Eagle 1843-O. which I send to you by request of Dr Riddell. who thinks it compares exactly with our die. and which is made of brass apparently and gilt. Dr Riddell says that he has called the attention of Mr Kennedy to the matter and he assents that the coin should be sent to you.

I send also a counterfeit half Eagle and a quarter of a Dollar. These two last I will be glad if you will return if you have no use for them.

I enclose assay slips from two deposites of Mexican dollars. being our Nos.
181 and 185.

And will be glad if you will advise me the title you find them.

Very sincerely yr obdt

A Cammack
Tr

To Dr R. M. Patterson

From / H. C. Cammack
Treasurer of Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Oct. 29 / 44.
Rec. Nov. 8.

Mint of the U States
November 1. 1844

Sir,

I have to inform you that I have made the purchase, for the Mint & Br Mints of the U States, of the right to use the apparatus for Counting Coins, &c, invented by the late Rufus Tyler, & patented by his Executor, Philos B Tyler.

I have received your estimate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1846; but I have not yet obtained from you the grounds on which the estimate is founded, according to the formula which I had laid before you on a former occasion, & to which I had asked your attention. - Let me beg that you will send me this as early as possible, as the want of this kind of information has embarrassed me on more than one occasion. -

You will please not to divide the estimate &c. into half years, as this division was abandoned by the last Congress. -

The dies ordered by you will be sent on to day or tomorrow; and the other requisitions are attended to.

Very respectfully,
Y faithful Serv.
R.M.P.
Director.

To/
Jos M Kennedy Esq
Supt Br Mint N. Orleans

70/ Joseph M. Kennedy
Supt Branch Mint
New Orleans
Nov 1. 1844

November 1844

Mint of the United States
Nov. 1st, 1844.

Sir,

I have at length concluded "the purchase of the "perpetual right, for the Mint and Branch Mints of the United States, of a patented apparatus for counting coins, invented by the late Rufus Tyler" for which purchase the sum of twenty-five hundred # thousand dollars was appropriated by an act of Congress passed the 17th day of June, 1844.

The covenants, making and confirming this transfer of right are sent to you enclosed. It is required, as I am informed, that they be recorded at the Patent Office, and I have to beg that you will cause this to be done, ~~if you think it necessary.~~

In the course which I have pursued in this transaction, I have ~~relied on~~ acted under the written advice of Henry M. Watts Esqr., the U.S. District Attorney at this place, who had before him the patent, and the will of Rufus Tyler deceased.

R. M. Patterson
D. M.

hundred G. F. D.
Dec. 10.

Hon. Geo. M. Bibb,
Sec. of Treasy.

To Sec. of Treasury

Nov. 1/44.

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(Counterpart.)

Whereas I Philos B. Tyler executor of Rufus Tyler deceased of the City of New Orleans State of Louisiana did obtain letters patent of the United States for a certain improvement in machines or apparatus for counting coins &c for the benefit of the heirs at law of the said Rufus Tyler which letters patent bear date the eleventh day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty one; and whereas by an act of Congress passed the seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty four the sum of twenty five hundred dollars has been appropriated for the purchase of the perpetual right for the Mint and Branch Mints of the United States to the use of a patented apparatus for counting Coins invented by the late Rufus Tyler; -

Now this indenture witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of twenty five hundred dollars to me in hand paid as executor as aforesaid and in trust for the heirs or devisees of the said Rufus Tyler deceased the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. I have assigned sold and set over and do hereby assign sell and set over all the right title and interest which I have in the said invention of the said Rufus Tyler deceased granted to me by virtue of the tenth section of an act passed on the fourth day of July One thousand eight hundred and thirty six entitled "an act to promote the progress of the useful arts and to repeal all acts and parts of acts heretofore made for that purpose" and secured to me by said letters patent to and for the use of the Mint and Branch Mints of the United States now or hereafter to be established. The same to be held and enjoyed by the United States to the full end and term for which the said letters patent are or may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me had this assignment and sale not have been made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this thirty-first day of October A.D. One thousand eight hundred and forty four

In presence of

Counterpart

P. B. Tyler
Executor for R Tyler Decd

Wm E. Du Bois
B. T. Hutchinson

On this thirty first day of October A.D. 1844 Before me the Subscriber an Alderman in and for the City of Philadelphia, personally came Philos B Tyler Executor for R Tyler deceased, and in due form of law acknowledged the above written Instrument to be his Act and deed and desired that the same might be recorded as such

Witness my hand and Seal

John Thompson
Ald

Seal

(Counterpart.)

We Elizabeth Tyler Widow of Rufus Tyler deceased - Ellen K. Tyler daughter of full age of the said Rufus Tyler and Mary B. Tyler and Lucy Tyler minor children of the said Rufus Tyler deceased by our tutrix or guardian the said Elizabeth Tyler do hereby recommend and agree to the terms and conditions of a certain Indenture made the thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four by Philos B. Tyler Executor of the said Rufus Tyler deceased whereby the said Executor has assigned to the United States for the use of the Mint and Branch Mints of the United States all the right title and interest of him the said Executor in a patent obtained by him for "a certain improvement in machines or apparatus for counting Coins &c" for the benefit of the heirs at law of the said Rufus Tyler which letters patent bear date the eleventh day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this thirty-first day of October, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Executed in presence of
John Thompson
W. S. Pendleton

Counterpart

Elizabeth Tyler

Ellen K. Tyler

Elizabeth Tyler
Tutrix or Guardian

On this thirty first day of October A.D. 1844 Before me the Subscriber an Alderman in and for the City of Philadelphia personally came Elizabeth Tyler Ellen K. Tyler, and Elizabeth Tyler Guardian of Mary B. Tyler and Lucy Tyler, and in due form of law acknowledged the above written Instrument to be their and each of their act and deed, and desired that the same might be recorded as such.

Witness my hand and Seal

John Thompson
Ald

Covenant of
Philos B. Tyler,
Exector of Rufus Tyler, dec.,
conveying, to the Mint and
Branch Mints of the U.S.,
the right to use a patented
apparatus for counting
coins, invented by Rufus
Tyler, decd.

Also a paper giving
assent to this conveyance,
by the widow & children
of Rufus Tyler.

Nov. 1, 1844.

Mint of the United States
November 2d, 1844

Sir,

I send above a Bill of Lading of three casks cont'g articles ordered in your letter of the 19th Ulto; viz.

No 59 – 50 Blk Lead Pots No. 10
" 60 – 50 do do " 30
" 138 – 50 do do " "

The Sizes ord^d were Nos. 10, 35, & 40; but they could only be obtained as above.. The order for 100 Covers assd Sizes, cannot be fulfilled here, & it may possibly be necessary to order them from Germany. – Mr Sunning will take advantage of the best & earliest course for supplying this part of the order

The Bottles for the humid assay, & the glass matrasses for parting, are ordered from Boston, & will be shipped from there for N. Orleans, as soon as ready.

The Half Dollar dies are in progress. They have been somewhat delayed, by an accident in impressing the dates &c, with the punches.

Very respy &c
R.M.P.
Director

To
Jos. M. Kennedy Esq
Supt Br. Mint N. Orleans

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Sup. Br. Mint
N. Orleans.

Nov. 2/44.

Sunday Morning 2 November 1844

My dear Sir

Press of business has prevented me from giving an early answer to your Letter of 29th ultimo, which is now before me — In it you inform me that the Letter which was written to you by Doctor Patterson under date of 18 April 1843 which I asked to see, is for the moment mislaid; and that I am mistaken in supposing that it contains an opinion of the Director, in relation to the residence in the Mint — I had concluded otherwise from the expression found in his Letter to you of 27 September, which says "I see no reason to change" &c, and which led me in error, it seems —

I am sorry that in concluding your Letter, you have found it necessary to remark, that my course in this business has disappointed you — *I* Consider my position a correct one — The first and only application made by you to me, for the dwelling, was by your Letter written to me while I was travelling in the North, and which reached me in New York some time in the early part of September — in it you ask for possession of the House on the first of October, and add that you had submitted the matter to Doctor Patterson, who would decide upon it in case I did not accede to your request

I went to Philadelphia a few days after, perfectly willing to give you the House, if Doctor Patterson thought that I ought to do so, and I so expressed myself — but in conversation with him I learned, that you had written to him on this same subject, as long ago as the beginning of 1843, and he added, that he had nothing new before him *now*, to induce him to alter the opinion expressed in his answer to your Communication — In this state of the business I had no course to pursue, but to leave a difference of opinion where you had placed it, before the Director for decision — and now he having declined to act, and having recommended a reference to the Secretary of the Treasury, I shall be glad to find that you have asked his opinion, which I am not disposed to attempt to retard or influence — Be that decision, however, what it may, there is every probability, that it will not affect me except, perhaps, as far as feelings go, by sustaining me in the belief I entertain of the views of the Government, as to the right of preference of the responsible Officers to the dwellings in the Mint —

On my return from the North, I was surprised to find, that the residence in the Mint, was the subject of conversation amongst many persons in the City, and some of my friends desired to know from me what were the circumstances under which I occupied it — The Letter which you have mislaid, I had thought contained the Directors opinion on this point, as well as an account of the manner in which I came into possession here, and for *that* reason I was anxious to see it, and not with a view of using it to strengthen any rights, I may think I have —

I have said thus much because I consider that your remark calls for some answer from me — and not with the view of opening a discussion, which I assure you, is foreign to my wishes and feelings

Very respectfully
I am
Your mo: obt

To
Joseph M Kennedy Esqe

Nov 2

Recd. Nov. 16. 44 from
H. C. Cammack.

Mint of the United States.
Nov. 5, 1844.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending to your address, by the present mail, a case of dies, which I pray you to forward, as heretofore, under your frank, to the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, according to the direction on the inner envelope. Two more cases will be sent by the following mails.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Honble George M. Bibb,
Secretary of the Treasury

To
Sec. of Treasury

Nov. 5/44.

No

private

New Orleans November 8. 1844

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith a mexican dollar C 1844. and will be very much obliged if you will have it assayed we have been disappointed in the title we find of this mint.

The enclosed is Copy of a letter which I addressed to Mr Kennedy some days ago in answer ~~from~~ to one from him. I am sorry that I have not been able to see the letter I asked him for. Nothing has been done in the Bank yet. I doubt very much if I will accept the office. I do not think that I will.—

A deposite of One hundred and fifty thousand mexican dollars, just arrived from Vera Cruz, deposited for Coinage lately, was found to be 897 fine.

I am, very faithfully
your mo obt

H Cammack

Doctor Patterson

From
H. C. Cammack,
Tr. of Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Nov. 8 / 44.
Recd 16th.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Nov 10. 1844.

Sir,

Enclosed you have a Statement of our operations in October. I might have sent it to you yesterday, but kept it back, for the purpose of enclosing with it, a list of the assay coins, taken from the deliveries made at this Mint, within the same period. Mr Cammack, however, states, that the number of those coins being so small, he will transmit them at the same time with those to be reserved during this month —

Very respectfully
Y. ob. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philada.

From
Jos. M. Kennedy
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans
Nov. 10 /44.
Rec. 19th

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of October 1844.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting Ounces	dec	Standard Weight Ounces	dec	Value before Deductions Dollars	cts	Value after Deductions Dollars	cts	Total Value before Deductions Dollars	cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	3.417	92	3.460	894	64.388	72	64.388	72		
Foreign Bullion	90	31	60	343	1.122	66	1.122	66		
U.S. Bullion.	15	16	14	227	264	69	264	69		
									65.776	07
Silver.										
Foreign Coins.	183.722	25	182.850	95	212.772	02	212.772	02		
Foreign Bullion	1.971	97	1.982	75	2.307	19	2.307	19		
									215.079	21
					Total Deposites				$ 280.855	28

Coinage.

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value Dollars	cts.	Total Value Dollars	cts
Gold.					
Eagles.	3.000	30.000	00		
				30.000	00
Silver.					
No Coinage this month.					
Total Coinage				$ 30.000	00

U.S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office October 31st 1844.
H. Cammack
Treasr

8. Nov

NEW ORLEANS - 1844 (CONT.)

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Nov. 16/46

Sir,

This letter will be handed to you by Mr. Philos B. Tyler, Coiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans. He has been engaged here, during the suspension of operations at that Mint, and for some time since their resumption, in superintending the construction of a new coining press, very much needed in that institution. The work is now nearly completed, and he is about to return to the ~~char~~ personal charge of his department, now entrusted to an able assistant.

All the officers of the New Orleans Mint have had the advantage of a visit to this Mint here, except the Superintendent, Mr. Kennedy; and both he and I have often had reason to regret that he has been deprived of the information which ~~he~~ would acquire by a personal inspection of the operations, arrangements, and mode of conducting business, at an institution where long experience has enabled us to introduce a high system of order and perfection. ~~which~~ Mr. Kennedy is prevented, as I understand, from making this visit, only by the circumstance that he cannot afford the expenditure which it would cost him. Now the other officers had the ~~to~~ necessary expenses of their respective visits of instruction here allowed to them, by consent of the department, ~~to be~~ and they were paid from the contingent appropriations for the Branch Mint. Let me ask, on the part of Mr. Kennedy, that you will allow to him the same advantage.

R. M. P.

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(To)

Honble Geo. M. Bibb,
Sec. of Treasury.

To Sec. of Treasury.
Nov. 16/44.

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans November 16. 1844.

Sir,

In the absence of the "formula" refer'd to, in your letter of the 1st instant, which, I much regret to say, has been mislaid, I send you the remarks of Mr. Cammack, upon the estimate of the expenses of this Branch Mint, for the year ending June 30th ~~June~~ 1846, as the grounds upon which that estimate has been made — I trust they will be satisfactory — The hope of finding the lost document, has induced me to delay, for a few days, the forwarding of the enclosed.

I am very resp.
Y. ob. Serv.
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philad.

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R. M. Patterson Esqre
Director of the Mint of the
U. S.
Philadelphia

From
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
Nov. 16/44

Rec'd. 25th.

Mint U. S.
Nov. 20 / 44.

~~Dear~~ Sir,

Your letter of the 29th ult., with its enclosures, has attracted our particular attention.

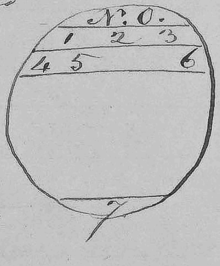
The half-eagle is a sufficiently manifest counterfeit, struck from dies, and easily recognised by the expression of the countenance of Liberty. It is of electrotyped brass, weighs 75½ grs, and is consequently 53½ grs light. Its specific gravity is but 8.5.

The quarter-eagle is also of electrotyped brass; is 18 grains too light; and has a specific gravity of but 8.55. It is believed to be a casting.

The quarter-dollar has been found very embarrassing. The impression is a fac-simile of the genuine coin, ~~and~~ such as it would seem impossible to give except from the ~~original~~ Mint dies, or by a casting. Some pits in the surface, and a bluntness in the letters and border, lead Mr. Eckfeldt to think that the coin has been cast; but ~~as it is~~ the electrotyped body is of pure copper, and no process is known by which so perfect a casting can be made in this metal. Mr. Peale thinks it was struck with dies. It is 12 grains too light, and has a specific gravity of 8.9 instead of 10.3. Perfect as the impression is, the counterfeit character is easily detected.

You sent also, in your letter, two slips from deposites of Mexican dollars. We find
No. 181 = 895 Th.
" 185 = 898.5 "

In your letter of the 8th inst., you send, ~~part of~~ for assay, part of a Mexican dollar, from the Guanaxuato Mint. It has been ~~found to present the singular~~ assayed seven times, from portions marked in the adjoining figure, and gives the following singular results.



N.O.	Taken off at New Orleans
1	896.5 Th.
2	897
3	897.7
4	900.5
5	901.5
6	902.3
7	896.

The reason why so many trials were made was that, the first two not agreeing by half a millième, the assayer made another, and another, to correct the error; and so arrived at the surprising results above stated; showing that in the same coin, and even in the same part of the coin, the metal was so far from being homogeneous, as to present a difference of more 6 millièmes, and between different sides of the coin of 6¼ millièmes.

Pray inform me why this specimen was sent to us. Had Dr. Stout found any anomaly in his assay?

R. M. P.
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To/ H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer New Orleans Mint.

To/ H. C. Cammack Esqr.

Treasr. New Orleans Mint

Nov 20th 1844

Slip from B. Mint at N O

Nº	181	895
	185	898½

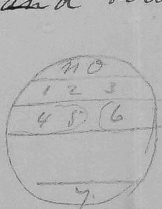
Half Eagle	75%	Grs light	53%	Sp Gr	8.5	
Quarter Eagle	46%		18	"	8.55	
Quarter Doll	91		12		8.895	after
			Silver	—	10.3	

Assays of a Mexican dollar, of G^o (Guanaxuato) sent from New Orleans.

The piece has been carefully assayed seven times, with the following results.

	fine.	
First trial,	896½	From the first slip cut off.
Second,	897	
Third,	897¾	
Fourth,	900½	From the second slip, which adjoined the first.
Fifth,	901½	
Sixth,	902¼	
Seventh,	896.	From a third slip, taken from the opposite part of the coin.

The reason why so many trials were made, was, that the first two not agreeing by ½ millième, we went on to make another, & another, to correct error; and so arrived at the surprising result above stated; namely, that in the same coin, and in the same ~~a~~ part of the coin, the metal was so far from being ~~[illegible]~~ duly mixed, as to present a difference of near 6 millièmes, ~~and~~ between different sides of the coin, 6¼ millièmes. –



Assayer's memorandum
for Mr. Ellms.
Nov. 26/46.

Used in letter to Mr. Cammack, of this date.

Philadelphia November 22d 1844

Dear Sir

I presented the letter you sent by me, to the Secretary of the Treasury on the 18th inst, and after making some inquiries of me relative to the proposition contained in it, for the Government to defray Mr Kennedy's expenses to Philadelphia, he immediately directed the clerk to apprise Mr Kennedy of your request, and of his approval of the same &c. which was done & presented to me before I left the office, but as the mail was closed for that day, I did not forward it untill the 19th inst

The Secretary submitted it to my perusal before signing it, and I was happy to find that he had fully approved of your proposal — I had apprised Mr Kennedy of you having given me the letter to the Secretary, and begged of him to be in readiness to start so soon as he should receive the Secretary's approval, of which I assured him there could be but little doubt, And from the desire which I expressed of seeing him here before the completion of our machinery should require my departure, I have no doubt but he will start immediately on the receipt of the Secretary's letter.

Very Respectfully
& Sincerely Yours.

Philos B. Tyler
Coinr

R. M. Patterson
Director.

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Philo B. Tyler

~ Nov. 22/61

Rec. 28th

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans November 23d 1844

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of boxes 21. 22. & 23. containing, each, One Pair ½ dollar dies - Mr Brosky requests that you will let us have our dies for 1845, in time to be prepared for use by the 1st of January. The vessel, by which you sent the articles asked for the Melting Department, has not yet arrived.

Very respectfully
Y. Obedt Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
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From / Jos. M. Kennedy.
Sup. Br. Mint
N. Orleans.
Recd. Dec. 3d. Nov. 23/44

R. M. Patterson Esqre
Director of the Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

December 1844

Copy

J. L. Riddle Esqr
M.D.

for U States Br Mint at N.O.

To Nicolas Lennig & Co. Dr

1842 Nov 17.	1 Carboy Nitr: Acid pure		1.50	
		96 lb @ 14	13.44	
	pr Brig "Gibralter"	Cartage	.25	15.19
U.S. Br Mint New Orleans —				
1843 Dec 14	25 Carboys part: Acid	150	37.50	
		134-93-121.95-143.88.83.96.94 93.93.121 119.94.94 98.96-96 96.85.118.93.109.93.92		
	pr "Josephine"	total 2537 lb @ 9½	241.01	278.51
1844 Feb 13	25 Carboys do do	150	37.50	
		91.108.90.102.87.94.95.93.92. 92.133.121.117.87.100.92.80.92 94.133.93.97.91.96.92 =		
	pr "Chester"	Total 2462 lb @ 9½	233.89	271.39
" Mar 5	25 Carboys do do	150	37.50	
		103.93.97.100.91.119.91.87.95 97.95.91.92.91.91.97.94.109 95.87.95.98.124.93.110 =		
	pr "Sarah Hand"	Total 2435 lb @ 9½	231.32	268.82
				818.72

with Int. from the time they were due

Philad Nov 18. 1844

Say 15.19
818.72
833.91

Nov 23, 1844

Mint U.S.

Sir

Nov. 23/46.

~~Sir~~ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., with your monthly report for October.

A member of the house of Nicholas Lenig & Co., being at the Mint on other business, spoke to me on the subject of a long outstanding bill for acid ordered by Dr. Riddell, respecting which he had written more than once, without receiving any answer. I asked him to send me a copy of the bill, and told him that I would forward it to you; which I now do. ~~I see that it is the first order only that seems to have been made by Dr. Riddell; the remainder seems to have been~~ You will of course see that it be attended to. It is not creditable that a U.S. Mint bill should remain two years unpaid.

I am happy to learn that the Secretary of the Treasury has consented to an application which I made to him on your behalf, and that we may now look for the pleasure of an early visit from you. I have long thought it desirable, and you shall be cordially welcome.

R. M. P.

Jos. M. Kennedy Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

To/ Joseph M. Kennedy
Supt B. Mint
New Orleans
Nov 23: 1844.

Mint of the United States,
November 25. 1844.

Sir,

I have rec.d this morning, your letter of the 16th inst, in which you mention that you had "mislaid" the "formula" which I had sent to you for a statement of the grounds of your estimates. It was enclosed in a letter of the 14th Nov 1843, & I now send you a copy of it. In my letter, I say, what I may now repeat, that "the numerous explanations that were required of me, last year, regarding the estimates for the New Orleans Mint, make it desirable, if not essential, that the grounds of the present estimates should be distinctly stated; and for this purpose I send you a form, which may at least serve as a guide for a statement which I beg you to send to me"

On the 3d of December, you communicated to me the statement thus asked for; and one evidence of its importance was exhibited by the fact that it had proved the necessity of a considerable modification of your first estimates.

In the form, as now sent, suited, of course to the present fiscal year, I have interlined, in red ink, the changes which appear to be necessary for the next. I hope that no time will be lost in filling up the blanks, and forwarding to me so important a document.

Mr. Cammacks explanatory letter by no means supplies its place. I have been obliged to send to the Department your estimates as they were given to me; but, in doing so, I promised to lay before the Secretary your statement of the grounds on which they were founded.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant.
R.M.P.
Director

To/
Joseph M. Kennedy
Supt. Branch Mint
New Orleans

To/ Jos: M Kennedy Esq
Supt Br Mint
New Orleans
Nov 25th 1844

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Mint U.S.
Dec. 3/44

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending by the present mail, the first of a series of dies with the date 1845, for the New Orleans Mint. Other ~~boxes~~ cases will be sent from mail to mail. I pray you to forward them under your frank, as heretofore.

R.M.P.

To
Hon. Geo. M. Bibb,
Sec. of Treasury

To
Sec. of Treasury

Dec. 3/44.

December 1844

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's office 3 decr 1844.

Sir

Mr Kennedy leaves here tomorrow to make a visit to the Philadelphia Mint - Should he, while with you, require any funds for Travelling expences, I have informed him that you will furnish him with them out of the amount now in your hands belonging to this Branch. I have to request that you will oblige me by doing so.-

Mr Kennedy has in charge a small parcel Containing Coins Struck at this Mint which are sent as specimens in conformity with the request made by Mr Peale when in Philadelphia The amount is Fifty five Dollars Twenty Cents.

With respect
I am yr obt st
H C Cammack Jr

Doctr. Robt M. Patterson

From/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Dec. 3. 1874.
Recd. – 13. –

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office 3 dec^r 1844.

Sir

Mr Kennedy has handed me your letter of the 23rd Ultimo enclosing a duplicate bill for acid ordered sometime ago from Messrs Nicolas Lenig & Co of Philadelphia - amounting to $833.9

I now enclose Mr Samuel Nicholson's draft at sight for that sum, which please to hand over to those gentlemen and get their receipt in dup^te.

I am sorry that the payment of this account has been delayed:- by a reference to the dates however you will see that it has not remained two years, except a very small item which was omitted in last settlement.

~~We~~ I are very respectfully
Your Mo obt Servant
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint.

From H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Dec. 3. 1844.
Rec^d. " 12. "

Mint U. S.
Dec. 3/44.

Sir,

I received, this morning, your letter of the 23d inst.; and I send, ~~to day~~ by the first mail, through the Secretary of the Treasury, the first of a series of dies for 1845. The others will follow from mail to mail.

R. M. P.
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To/
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans

Fr/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Sup. Br. M.
New Orleans

Dec. 3/44.

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Dec. 4th 1844.

Will Mr Kennedy, allow me the liberty of requesting him, to use his influence with Dr. Patterson, while in Philadelphia, with regard to increasing my Salary.

I might state sundry reasons for such a step, but as I think your good judgment & kind consideration for me are sufficient inducements for you to exert your influence in my behalf I will decline troubling you with any remarks upon the Subject.

Very Respectfully.
Your faithful Servant
J. Francis Grainet

J. M. Kennedy Esq.

From/ J. Francis Girault
Clerk Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
Dec 4. 1844.
Recd. " 27. "

Joseph M. Kennedy Esqr.
Superintendent.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Dec. 4. 1844

Sir,

I leave here this day, for Philadelphia, by way of the river, and have appointed Dr. Hort to represent m during my absence — He will immediately have ma out, and forwarded to you, our estimates for the year endin 30 June 1846, prepared in accordance with your "Form which I have this moment received —

I thank you for your application in my beh to the Secretary of the Treasury, and for the terms i which you have communicated to me its success —

Very respectfully
Yr. ob. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philad.

From Jos. M. Kennedy Esq
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Dec. 4. 1844.
Recd. " 13. "

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of November 1844.

Deposites.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting		Standard Weight.		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dolls.	Cts	Dolls.	Cts	Dolls.	Cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	1.247	27	1.242	412	23.114	65	23.114	65		
Foreign Bullion	120	31	49	097	913	43	909	93		
U. S. Bullion	136	85	134	498	2.502	28	2.502	28		
									26,530	36
Silver.										
Foreign Coins	76.130	05	75.721	38	88.112	15	88.112	15		
Foreign Bullion	1.969	13	2.032	58	2.365	18	2.365	18		
									90.477	33
					Total Deposites.				$117.007	69

Coinage.

Denomination	Number of pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dolls	Cts	Dolls	Cts
Gold.					
Eagles.	1,500	15,000	–		
Half Eagles.	6,000	30,000	–		
				45,000	00
Silver.					
Half Dollars	250.000	125,000	–		
Quarter Dollars	140.000	35,000	–		
Half Dimes	20,000	1,000	–		
				161,000	00
	417,500				
		Total Coinage.		$206,000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office November 30. 1844.
H. Cammack
Treasr.

Recd. Dec. 16, 44.

Branch Mint of the U. S.
New Orleans 5 Dec 1844

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive the monthly statement of deposits & coinage for November. I have requested the Treasurer to furnish the estimate you have asked for as soon as poſsible, which I shall take care to forward without delay.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Wm P. Hort
Actg Supt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Pha

Trans/

Wm. P. Hort
Acting Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Dec. 5. 1844.
Recd. " 16. "
(November Report.)

Private

Dear Sir

In some of my recent Letters, I mentioned to you, that there was a probability of my taking the Office of Cashier of the Bank of Louisiana, which had become vacant by the resignation of Mr Levench, but that the decision was awaiting the arrival of my Partner from England — He has since reached here, and after consulting with him I declined, and the former Cashier has been induced to remain — The residence in the Mint is now more important to me, than it seemed to be when I had the pleasure of seeing you in Philadelphia, for after the disastrous results of the past years business, it becomes very necessary to me, in the support of my Family, and but for the expectation of retaining it, I should have taken the Office in the Bank, which gives a good Salary, and very large dwelling —

I suppose however that the matter is now disposed of, as Mr Kennedy sent me word by Doctor Riddell some time ago, that he would apprize me if he decided to ask any decision from the Secretary of the Treasury, and he has left here for the North without saying any thing on the subject — In my Letter to him dated 2d ultimo, I mentioned that any decision would not probably affect me, but circumstances have since altered this

materially

materially, and I believe that Mr Kennedy is aware of it

With great respect
I am, Sir
Your very faithful
and obedient Servt
H C Cammack

New Orleans
7 Decemb 1844

To
Doctr Robert M Patterson

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To
Doctor R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

(Ch. 44 dis)

From H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Dec. 7. 1844.
Recd. " 18. "
"Private".

Branch Mint of the U.S.—
New Orleans 7 dec 1844

Sir—

Annexed are the estimates as required, with which the Treasurer has furnished me— I trust that they will be satisfactory to you

& remain
respectfully Your obt St—
Wm. P. Hort
Act'g Supt—

Dr R M Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Pha.

Grounds for the estimates of the Branch Mint at New Orleans for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1846.

Estimated Means & Expenses for the 4th Quarter of 1844 & the 1st & 2nd Quarters of 1845.

Probable Means.

1st Available bal.ce in Treas.rs hands Sept. 30th 1844. per Ordinary Ledger.		$ 6,757.49
2nd Appropriations undrawn & still available.		46,200.00
3rd Estimated legal deductions from deposites, up to June 30th 1845.		250.00
Total of Means.		$ 53,207.49

Probable Expenses.

1st Salaries of Offs. & Clerks, to June 30th 1845.	$ 9,675.00	
2nd Wages of Workmen. " " " "	14,800.00	
3rd Wastage of the whole year 1844.	6,000.00	
4th Other Incidental & Contingent Expenses.	15,500.00	
5th Machinery & Machinists. +	4,500.00	
Total of Expenses.		$ 50,475.00
Difference being the probable excess of Means over Expenses, & which must be deducted from the appropriations for the next fiscal year.		$ 2,732.49

The items of Salaries & Wages, are Specific & Correspond to the appropriations. The above balance of $2,732.49 is wholly available, therefore, in the Incidental & Contingent Expenses, the appropriations for which must be diminished by this amount in the next year.

+ The machinery now in use is constantly requiring
+ repairs. part of this to be paid out of the Contingent fund.

All the expenses of the current fiscal year (ending June 30th 1845.) may be set down at $60.750.00 with a Coinage of Four Millions. Assuming that an equal amount of Coinage will be effected in the year following, we must estimate, as the

Expenses of the year ending June 30th 1846, including Wastage of the whole year 1845. & including an additional Sum of $5000.00 for repairs & new Machinery which have become necessary.	$59.150,00
Subtracting therefrom,	
Estimated legal deductions from Deposites during the year	250,00
Total amt. as per estimates submitted. Dolls:	58,900,00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
November 30th 1844.

dear Sir

Annexed is an estimate for the expences of the Branche Mint for the fiscal year to end 30 June 1846. with the detailed statement.

The items of salaries and wages require no remark, the Contingent expences have been abt the same as the average given in the correspondence last year on this subject. As to the wastage of gold & silver, of course that will depend on circumstances about which we can now form no opinion. I have put it down at about what I suppose it may be.

Our machinery is old and requires many repairs, some of them material ones. The whole of the last years appropriation has been used, or will be, in making a new press. which is very much wanted. We have now only three presses and they have been in use ever since the mint was established and are much worn. and since they were made improvement have been discovered.

I am very sincerely
Your mo obt Svs
H Cammack
Jr

To Joseph M. Kennedy Esq

Nov 11. 1844.

An Estimate of the Expenses of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, for the Year ending June 30th 1846.

For Salaries of the Officers & Clerks.		
The Superintendent	$ 2.500	
" Treasurer	2 000	
" Coiner	2 000	
" Assayer	2 000	
" Melter & Refiner	2 000	
Two Clerks, Each $1,200	2400	
		$12,900
For Wages of Workmen.	$18,000	
		18,000
For Incidental & Contingent Expenses. including, Fuel, Materials, Stationery, Water-rent & Repairs.	$ 15,850 ~~17,000~~	
Wastage of the whole year, 1845.	6,000	
Machinery & Machinists.	5,000	26,850 ~~28,000~~
		$ ~~58,900~~ 57,750

Branch Mint. ~~a~~
New Orleans 11 Nov 1844.
H Cammack

17,000
1,150
15,850

Nov 11

Recd. Nov. 25, 44,

from J. M. K.

New Orleans Mint

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office Decr 9. 1844.

Sir

Annexed is memorandum of assay Coins reserved at this Branch Mint between 1 July and 30 Novr. which I forwarded by yesterday Mail to you in a Tin box, under cover to the Secretary of the Treasury. The amount is One hundred seventeen Dollars Twenty Cents

With great respect
I am your mo obt
H C Cammack
Treasr

To Dr. R. M. Patterson.

List of Gold & Silver Coins reserved for Assaying at the Branch Mint at New Orleans from 1st July to 30th November 1844.

1844		Gold	Half Eagles	Eagles	Dolls.	Cts
July	12		1		5	00
Octr	21			3	30	00
Novr	30		6	2	50	00
			7	5	$ 85	00

List of Silver Coins reserved for Assaying, as above.

1844		Silver	Half Dimes	Quarter Dollars	Half Dollars	Dollars	Cts.
Novr	21				24	12	00
"	30			20	20	15	00
"	"		4	8	6	5	20
			4	28	50	$ 32	20

United States Branch Mint
New Orleans November 30th 1844.

Wm. P. Hort Assayer

H. Cammack
Treasurer

85.-
32.20
117.20

From / H. C. Cammack,
Treas Br. Mint
New Orleans
Dec. 9. 1844.
Recd. " 18. "

Dr. R. M. Patterson-
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia-

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Branch Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans 14 Decr. 1844.

Sir

Your letter of the 3rd. inst. has been received, also the two head halves of half eagles dies, the first of the series for 1845, through the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt
Wm. P. Hort
Actg Supt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From Dr. Wm. P. Hort
Acting Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Dec. 14. 1844.
Recd. " 23. "

Branch Mint of the U.S.—
New Orleans 17 Dec 1844

Sir,

We have this day received through the Secretary of the Treasury

(quarter(?))

No. 4)^x two head (half)^x eagle dies.
No. 3 two head —— eagle dies.
No. 2) two head —— half dollar dies—

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Wm. P. Hort
Actg. Supt.

x. No. 4 contd. 2 head 1/4 Eagle dies, & must be the box intended, as the only 1/2 eagle dies sent were in Box No. 1, which was recd. on the 14th. (See 24th)
G. F. D.

Dr. R M Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From / Dr. Wm. P. Hort,
Acting Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
Dec. 17. 1844,
Recd. " 27. "

Mint of the United States.
Dec. ~~8~~20th, 1844.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 7th inst., with the statement, (for which I had applied,) of the grounds of the estimate presented, for the New Orleans Mint, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1846.

I am puzzled with some of the items in this paper. — The estimate of means and expenses to the end of the current fiscal year, gives an available excess of the former of $2,732.49.

The expenses of the next fiscal year are then assumed to be the same as those estimated for the current year, viz. $60,750; and yet this item is carried out as $59,150. I cannot see why.

From this ~~are~~ is subtracted the estimated value of the legal deductions from deposits, viz $250; and the balance, $58,900, is set down as the appropriation to be asked, "as per estimate submitted"; whereas

~~Now "the estimate submitted" before, and sent to the Department, was $59,900. But,~~

as the estimate before submitted was $59,900.

But a more important point is that the available balance, of $2732.49, has not been introduced.

continued.

Taking the Treasurer's own data, it would seem as if the final estimate ought to stand as follows:

Total est.d expenses of year 1845-46,			$ 60,750.
Deduct —	Available balance at end of current year	$2,732.49	
	Est.d legal deductions from deposits —	250.—	
		49	2,982.49
Total amount required —			57,767.51

I will not send the "grounds for the estimate," or the ~~ass~~ modified estimate itself, to the Department, until I see Mr. Kennedy, and consult with him on the matter.

Let me ask that, with your report for December, you will send me a general report of the operations for the year. Let me also ask that this document may be sent to me at the earliest possible day, in order that the Annual Mint report may not be delayed.

I send enclosed duplicate receipts of N. Lennig & Co., for $~~849.10~~ 833.91, paid by us as requested by your Treasurer, to whom please hand the enclosed bills.—

I annex a list of the dies which have been sent & which are to be sent to you by successive mails, ~~to you~~ for the year 1845, the receipt of which should be carefully noted & in due time acknowledged.

— R. M. P.

LC.

To/

Dr. Wm. P. Hort,
Acting Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Box No. 1 = 2 head ½ eagle dies, Sent Dec. 3. — to Box No. 27 inclusive. &c. &c. See Register of Dies sent to Br. Mints.

To/ Dr. Wm. P. Hort,
Acting Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Dec. 20. 1844.

Branch Mint of the U. S. —

New Orleans 21 Dec 1844

Sir,

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of 2 head dimes dies, & 2 head half dime dies, through the Secretary of the Treasury —

very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm. P. Hort
Actg Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From/ Wm P. Hort,
Actg Supt. Br. Min
New orleans.
Dec. 21. 1844.
Recd. Jan. 1. 1845.

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Branch Mint of the U. S.
New Orleans 23 Dec. 1844

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of 2 pair of quarter dollar dies –
2 head dime ------- dies –
received this day, through the Secy of the Treasury, & remain

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Wm. P. Hort
Acting Supt.

Dr R M Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From /

Dr. Wm. P. Hort,
Acting Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Dec. 23. 1844.
Recd. Jan. 2. 1845.

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Branch Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans 28 Decr 1844

Sir,

I have this day received from the Secretary of the Treasury
One pair half dollar dies.
two pair quarter dollar dies.
two head half dime dies -

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Wm P. Hort
Actg Supt.

Boxes 10. 11 & 13

the qr doll dies were 2 heads instead of 2 pr

Dr. R M Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Dec. 30. 1844.

Sir,

I find that the expenses incurred by Mr. Philos B. Tyler, Coiner of the New Orleans Branch Mint, in the construction of a coining-press for that Mint, have exceeded the amount placed at your disposal for that object, by the Department, on my requisition. I have therefore to request that you will make use of such portion as may be necessary, of the contingent fund, in your hands, belonging to the New Orleans Mint, for the payment of outstanding bills, & of such further as may be unavoidable, connected with the construction of the aforesaid press.

Very respectfully,
Your obdt. Servt.,

J M Kennedy
Supt. U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans.

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the U.S. Mint.

From Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Dated Philadelphia,
Dec. 30. 1844.

Branch Mint US—
New Orleans 30 Dec.r 1844

Sir, I have just received your letter of the 20th inst. & very much regret the difficulty you have experienced in comprehending some of the items in the estimate I sent to you on the 7th inst. I was much occupied at the time, & feeling very anxious to forward the estimate to you as soon as possible, I did not examine it, taking for granted that it was sufficiently explicit. I must however admit that the statement was not so clear as it ought to have been.

According to the data furnished by the Treasurer the amount required for the fiscal year 1845–6, will be ——— $57767.51

To wit; estimate for said year —		$60.750—
Deduct,		
Supposed available balance at the end of the year —	$2732.49	
estimated legal deductions	250.00	
Amount required	57767.51	
	$60750.00	

I have reason to suppose that on the 17th of this month, I acknowledged the receipt of two head half eagle, instead of two head quarter eagle dies. If so, I now beg leave to correct the error. The duplicate receipts of Leming & Co for $833.91 paid by you at the request of our Treas.r have been handed to him.

You may be assured that the report for December, & the general report of the operations of the year, shall be forwarded to you as early as practicable. You have no doubt already perceived that I make it a point to acknowledge the receipt of dis by the return mail.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Wm P. Hort
Acting Supt.

Dr. R M Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
Dr. Wm. P. Hort
actg Supt. U.S. Br. Mint
New Orleans
Dec 30. 1844
Received Jany 9. 1845

Pd

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

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Branch Mint of the U.S.

New Orleans 30th Decr 1844.

Sir,

By the last Mail I received from the Secretary of the Treasury One pair of Eagle dies. Respectfully

Your obt Servt

Wm P. Hort

Acting Supt

No 14 sent Dec 18th

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
Dr. Wm. P. Hort
acting Supt. U.S. Br. Mint
New Orleans
Decr. 30. 1844
Received Jany 9. 1845

List of Gold & Silver Coins reserved for Assaying at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of December 1844.

		Gold.			
Decr	31	5. Half Eagles.	$	25	00
		Silver.			
Decr	14	29. Half Dollars 24. Half Dimes		15	70
"	31	16 Half Dollars 16 Half Dimes.		8	80
			$	24	50

United States Branch Mint.
New Orleans December 31st 1844.

Wm. P. Hort Assayer

H. C. Cammack
Treasurer

From

New Orleans Br Mint

Statement of Assay Coins
for Dec 1844

Rec^d Jany 11. 1845

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New Orleans May 24th 1845.

Sir

Having recd. from the President of the United States a commission, as "Treasurer of the Branch Mint" in this city, and having notified the State department of my acceptance thereof, it becomes my duty, to place before you, for your approval, my bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of my office, and accordingly I herewith transmit the bond, approved by the District Attorney (Genl Downs) which you will please give the proper direction to, say to the Secretary of the Treasury, after you have certified that it is to your Satisfaction =

Mr. Cammack (late incumbent) has requested permission, to have the use of the Office and of the books and papers, for 3 or 4 days, to enable him, to make up his accounts with the government, to which, seeing no objection, I have assented.

I remain, Sir,
very truly
yr obdt Sevt
John R. Macmurdo

To)
R. M. Patterson Esq
Philadelphia

New Orleans 27 May 1845.

My dear Sir

I have been much gratified by the reception of your letter of the 19th instant, which reached me yesterday morning, the very day that I delivered up to my successor in office, the charge which had been entrusted to me by the Government, as Treasurer of the branch Mint here.

The expressions of kindness & approbation, wh you have been pleased to address to me, are most consolatory, coming as they do from one, whom I so highly esteem, and for whose good opinion, I have so much regard. I thank you from my heart, for your assurances of respect and esteem, to deserve which I cannot but feel proud.

I have to day transferred to my successor the office, and the balances, shown by the books, of Coins, Gold and Silver in the bullion, as well as the Contingent accounts, and I have taken ~~a~~ receipts from him on the warrants of the Superintendent, which, with my final accounts, I forward by the mail today, to the proper officer at Washington -

I enclose herewith Copy of the balance sheet

and remain your friend
And obt servant
H. Clammack

To Doctor R. M. Patterson.

From/
H. C. Cammack,
late Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
May 27. 1845.
Recd. June 7. ~

Dr. — Branch Mint of the United States — Cr.

1845				Dolls.	Cts.
May	24	To	Coiner his Account of Gold. For 2.401.318 Oz. Standard Gold to be accounted for by him. " " "	44.675	67
"	"	"	Coiner his Account of Silver. For 109.131.77 Oz. Standard Silver to be accounted for by him. " " "	126.989	70
"	"	"	Melter & Refiner's Account of Gold. For 4.471.746 Oz. Standard Gold to be accounted for by him " " "	83.195	25
"	"	"	Melter & Refiner's Account of Silver For 121.807.97 Oz. Standard Silver to be accounted for by him " " " "	140.740	14
"	"	"	Gold Coinage For Balance of this account, transferred to J. R. Macmurdo my Successor.	1.750	00
"	"	"	Silver Coinage For Balance of this account, "Transferred, as above"	18.431	80
"	"	"	Gold Coins reserved for A. Paying. For balance of this account in the hands of the Director at Philadelphia.	385	00
"	"	"	Silver Coins reserved for A. paying. For balance of this account in the hands of the Director, as above.	95	60
				$ 417.262	56

1845					Dolls.	Cts.
May	24	By	United States Deposite For Balance of this Account	"	123.238	10
"	"	"	Canal & Banking Co. For Gold Deposite	No. 86	15.522	86
"	"	"	The City Bank " Do.	" 93	27968	33
"	"	"	Canal & Banking " Do.	" 99	5.076	20
"	"	"	P. B. Tyler " Do.	" 100	2,073	95
"	"	"	Mechanics & Traders" Bank Silver Deposite	" 72	60.216	87
"	"	"	Louisiana State Bank " Do.	" 76	80.314	55
"	"	"	The City Bank " " Do.	" 90	50.101	29
"	"	"	L Viosca " " " Do.	" 95	111	35
"	"	"	Thomas Hale " " Do.	" 96	404	77
"	"	"	Canal & Banking Co " " Do.	" 97	50.254	33
"	"	"	A Tio " " " Do.	" 98	354	69
"	"	"	Gontier " " " Do.	" 99	147	57
"	"	"	P. B. Tyler " " " Do.	" 100	1.402	03
"	"	"	Profit & Loss For Balance of this Account.		76	17
					$ 417.262	56

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office May 24th 1845

H. C. C. Recd. June 7. '45.

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
May 28. 1845.

Sir,

Enclosed you have a memorandum of some Assay coins, forwarded to you, a few days since, thro the Secretary of the Treasury — I had kept it back, a short time, with a view of sending with it the Bond and Oaths of Office of our New Treasurer (of whom I had previously requested the delivery thereof for that purpose) but was yesterday informed by Mr. Macmurdo, that he had, on the 24th inst. transmitted to you these documents himself — That gentleman entered yesterday upon the execution of his Office.

Mr. Girault has resigned his Clerkship in the Mint on account of the inadequacy of the Salary attached thereto, and "seeing no immediate prospect of relief, by increase of pay or otherwise." I have, at the suggestion of Mr. Macmurdo, appointed Mr. T. W. Smythe, to whom he gives a high character, adding that Mr. S. "has been in a position for several years past, affording him an excellent opportunity to judge of his fitness."

Mr. ~~[illegible]~~ Tyler requests me to write for 2 pair ½ dollar dies, "which are immediately required," and for 6 pair of ½ dollar and 2 pair of Eagle dies "as soon after as they can be conveniently made."

I am desired by Dr. Riddell to say, that he stands in need of no further supply of precipitating jars —

Very respectfully
Y. ob. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philada.

From Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
May 28. 1845.
Recd. June 6.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint of the
U. S.
Philadelphia.

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Statement of Gold & Silver Coins reserved for Assaying at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, from 1st to 21st May.

				Dolls.	Cts.
1845		Gold.			
May	8	3.	Eagles	30	00
〃	14	4.	Do.	40	00
〃	21	7.	Do.	70	00
			Dolls.	140	00
		Silver.			
May	14	18.	Half Dollars.	9	00
	16	6.	Ditto.	3	00
	21	8.	Ditto.	4	00
			Dolls	16	00

United States Branch Mint
New Orleans. May 23rd 1845.

H. Cammack
Treasurer.

Wm P. Root
Assayer

Recd. June 6, 1845.

Treasurer's Office
U. States Branch Mint
New Orleans, May 30/45.

Sir,

Referring to my letter to you, dated 24th inst. I now have the pleasure to inform you, that, on the 27th inst., the late Treasurer, Mr Cammack, transferred ~~the~~ his office into my hands.—

I remain, Sir
very truly
yr obdt Svt
John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer.

To/ R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

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Doctor R. M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From J. R. Macmurdo,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

May 30. 1845
Rec'd. June 7.

Mint of the U.S.
June 2d, 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to send enclosed the official bond of John R. Macmurdo, Treasurer of the Branch Mint of the United States at New Orleans, with the certificate, required by law, that it is to my satisfaction.

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To/ Hon. R. J. Walker,
Sec. of Treasury.

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Sec. of Treasury,

June 2, 1845.

June

1845

Mint of the United States.
June 2d, 1846.

Dear Sir,

Mrs. Van Harlingen, (late Mrs. Maxwell,) ~~handed me~~ brought to me, some days ago, your letter of the 26th of May, respecting a claim made + of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, on behalf of the heirs of James Maxwell, who fell a victim to the yellow fever in 1839, while filling the office of Melter & Refiner.

I have looked over the whole correspondence that has a bearing upon this question, and have thus had recalled to me your noble efforts to protect the reputation of the ~~living and the dead~~ lamented Maxwell and Tyler, while living and after death. I ~~have~~ entered upon the investigation with a desire that the claim which is made, ~~small though it be,~~ might be sustained, and that the pittance, small as it is, might go to ~~the~~ poor Maxwell's son, a fine little boy who accompanied his mother on her ~~last~~ late visit. I cannot, however, find sufficient grounds to justify me in interfering with the decision which the Superintendent, Mr. Kennedy, has given in the case.

I received the information of Mr. Maxwell's death on the 28th of August, (1839,) and, on the same day, I wrote to ~~the~~ Mr. Forstall, the Treasurer of the New Orleans Mint, stating that, "as the operations of the Mint were suspended," the only steps then necessary to be taken, in consequence of the death of the Melter & Refiner, was to have all the bullion which may have been in his hands carefully weighed, transferred to the Treasurer's vaults, and credited to Mr. Maxwell's account." On the next day, I again wrote to Mr. Forstall, stating that, "for the sake of all parties concerned, this transfer ought to be made in the presence of persons known to be in the full confidence of Mr. Maxwell's representatives." ~~At the same time I wrote to you~~ and I added, ~~"Perhaps~~ "On the whole I would recommend that no step be taken in this matter until you receive my further instructions. Mr. Maxwell's vaults have, I presume, been sealed, and will be kept so until unexceptionable measures can be taken for the settlement of his accounts." At the same time I wrote to you that the family here had expressed "entire confidence in you, and, if it should be necessary to have Mr. Maxwell's Mint affairs brought to a settlement before further instructions from me, that it would be their wish that you should represent their interests in the matter."

I received information of Mr. Maxwell's death on the 28th of August, and on the same day, and the day following, I wrote to Mr. Forstall, indicating my wishes as to the course which he was to pursue. Now it appears that, on the 30th of August, the Judge of the Probate Court had ordered the seals to be raised from Mr. Maxwell's vault, and an inventory to be taken; a course which was postponed on your interference. My wishes in the case could not have been known until long after.

I am moreover informed that Dr Hort, who was Acting Superintendent at the time when Stiles was appointed keeper of the seals, avers "that he was so appointed in opposition to the protest of him the said Hort, as the Agent of the government".

There is another view of the case that appears to me to be quite as conclusive as the above. It is that Stiles was actually "receiving wages as one of the hands retained in the Melting Department during the suspension of the operations of the Mint." If then he had ~~as keeper of the seals~~, been employed by the Mint authorities to take charge of the seals, he certainly could not, with any propriety, have received a double pay from them for a duty which they had a full right to require of him without further compensation. Had he asked it of them, it ought to have been, and I have no doubt would have been, refused.

His charge to the estate was, if not entirely unjust, at least very exorbitant; and yet he afterwards had the audacity to ask, and actually received, pecuniary aid, from the widow whom he had already wronged.

I am, dear Sir, with great respect,
Your faithful Servant
R. M. Patterson.

To/
Jacob Barker, Esq.
New Orleans

To/ Jacob Barker, Esq.,
New Orleans.

June 3. 1845.

Mint of the U. S.
Phil. ~~May~~ June 3, 1845.

Sir,

I find that I forgot, at the proper time, to acknowledge, at the proper time, the receipt of your monthly report for April, and also of a package of Assay-coins announced in your letter of the 6th ult., which came safely to hand on the 15th.

I have received letters from Mr. Stewart and Mr. Barker on the subject of the claim made of you for the estate of the late Mr. Maxwell; and have answered that, on full investigation of the case, I cannot find any ground for interfering in the decision which you had given.

I beg you to present my respects to your new Treasurer, Mr. Macmurdo, & inform him that I have approved & forwarded his official bond.

I am glad that your embarrassment about the cancelled dies has been removed to your satisfaction.

Vr

R. M. P.
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To
Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

June 3. 1845.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, June 3d, 1845.

Sir,

Your letter of the 30th of April was handed to me, some days ago, by Mr. Von Harlingen, (late Mrs. Maxwell.) I have given to the question which it ~~presents to my consideration~~ offers to me, a careful consideration, and it is not without regret that I have to say that I am not able to find any sufficient ground for interfering with the decision which Mr Kennedy has given in the case. For the reasons which have led me to this conclusion, I ~~&~~ beg leave to refer you to a letter, of the present date, which I have written to Jacob Barker Esq.

R.M.P.
Dr

To
Charles T. Stewart, Esq.
New Orleans.

To/ Charles T. Stewart, Esq.
New Orleans.

June 3. 1845.

June 1845

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
June 4th. 1845.

Sir,

I send you, by this mail, under the frank of the Secretary of the Treasury, a box marked No. 4, and containing the assay coins ~~made~~ reserved from deliveries made at this Mint from the 27th. to 31st ult. inclusive, a list of which is enclosed—

I also transmit herewith two statements, (one being a copy, certified by the Clerk, Mr. Macmurdo, I being absent) exhibiting together the whole amount of our deposites and coinage, during the month of May—

Respectfully
Yr. Ob. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
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From
Jos. M. Kennedy
Sup. Br. Mint.
New Orleans.
Jan. 4/45.
Rec. 13th.

Statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Branch Mint, New Orleans from 1st. to 23rd. May 1845

Deposits

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before deduction		Value after deduction		Total Value before deduction	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents
Gold										
Foreign Coins	7.201	98	7.076	109	131.648	53	131.648	53		
Foreign Bullion	70	86	53	606	997	32	997	32		
U.S. Coins	35	10	34	183	635	97	635	97		
U.S. Bullion	71	30	67	957	1.264	31	1.264	31		
									134.546	13
Silver										
Foreign Coins	113.238	15	119.788	26	131.244	52	131.236	31		
Foreign Bullion	1.558	75	1523	18	1772	42	1769	59		
									133.016	94
					Total Deposits				267.563	07

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents
Gold					
Eagles	14.500	145.000	.		
				145.000	.
Silver					
Half dollars	160.000	80.000	.		
				80.000	.
Total Coinage				225.000	.

A true Copy from the Books of the late Treasurer

U.S. Branch Mint, New Orleans
Treasurer's Office May 24th. 1845

G. W. Smythe
Clk

Recd. June 13.'45.

Statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Branch Mint New Orleans from 27th to 31st. May 1845

Deposits

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before deduction		Value after deduction		Total Value before deduction	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents
Gold Foreign Coins	1.519	79	1462	276	27.205	13	27.205	13	27.205	13
Silver none deposited										
					Total Deposits				27.205	13

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents
Gold Eagles	2.000	20.000	"	20.000	"
Silver Half dollars	140.000	70.000	"	70.000	
	Total Coinage			90.000	"

U.S. Branch Mint; New Orleans
Treasurer's Office May 31st. 1845

John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer

Recd. June 13. '45.

List of Gold and Silver Coins reserved for Assaying at the U. S. Branch Mint, New Orleans, from 27th to 31st May 1845

1845 May	31	Gold		
		2 Eagles	20 „	20 „
1.				
1845 May		Silver		
	28	20 Half dollars	10 .	
	31	8 ditto	4 .	14 .
			Dollars	34 .

No. 4

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurers Office May 31st. 1845

Wm. P. Hort
Assayer

John K. Macmurdo
Treasurer

Recd June 13. '48.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans June 6. 1845

Sir,

The office of Treasurer of this Mint, was, on the 27th ult. transfer'd to Mr John R. Macmurdo, by the late incumbent Mr Cammack. The latter, as appears by his books, and also I presume by his last accounts which have been forwarded to the Department, has retained his salary, not only for the unexpired portion of the Month of May, but for the whole quarter, ending on the 30th June —

Mr Macmurdo on the other hand, claims his salary from the day on which he entered upon the execution of his Office —

When the late Treasurer closed his accounts, among the Warrants presented for my signature, was one, numbered 207, for the sum of $1216.66, being, in general terms, for amount of Salaries paid to Officers & Clerks, during the 2d quarter of 1845. Having been neither consulted, nor informed to the contrary, I concluded that, as a matter of course, those, among whom the sum had been distributed, had received that amount alone to which they were legally entitled, and had no conception of Mr Cammack's having drawn the emoluments of his Office, for any period beyond that, at which he ceased to be an Officer of the Mint. Had that fact been communicated to me, when I signed the Warrant, or had it appeared on the face of that Document, I should have objected to it, in obedience to a decision of the Secretary of the Treasury, in Nov. 1839, which appears to me to settle the question. After the decease, in that year, of Messrs. Maxwell and Tyler, the former Melter & Coiner of this Institution, the question was submitted to Mr. Woodbury, by Dr. Patterson upon an application made by Mr. Cammack himself whether their salaries could be paid to their families, to the end of the quarter in which they died. He decided, that no payment could be made for services after the death of an Officer, unless by the special authority of Congress. It is true, that in this case, the incumbent was *removed* from Office, but, the conclusion to which the Secretary came, was, no doubt, based upon the principle, that the salary of an Officer should cease with the termination of his services.

If I be wrong, and your view of the question shd. be favorable to the late Treasurer, I beg you to point out the appropriation from which his Successor is to receive *his* salary, from the day on which he entered on the discharge of his duties.

I am very resp.

Sir

Yr. obt. Servant

signed. Jos. M. Kennedy

Supt.

Hon Robt. J. Walker
Secy. of the Treas.
Washington
D.C.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans June 8th 1845

Sir,

I send you a copy of a letter addressed by me to the Secretary of the Treasury, on the 6th instant, and am very respectfully

Y. Obt Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the
Mint of the U.S.
Philada.

New Orleans June 16th 1845

Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of your letter of 3d inst, and have also before me one of the same dates addressed to Jacob Barker, all in reference to the claim preferred by me in behalf of the estate of the late James Maxwell. The great reluctance which you have felt in arriving at an adverse conclusion, & the strong circumstances of equity which really appear to me in favor of it, constitute my excuse for again submitting some views which have arisen in consequence of the reasons assigned by you.

Dr Hort, who was the Actg Supt informs you that Styles "was appointed in opposition to the protest of him, the said Hort, as the agent of the Govt." The opposition of Dr Hort was unavailing under the law, for Art. 1075 of the Civil Code requires ~~that~~ the Judge, in case of the death of any person, whose heirs are not in the place, to go immediately to the house where the deceased resided, and to affix the seals in the presence of two witnesses: Art 1079 requires a guardian to be appointed to take care of the seals & effects; and art. 1083 provides that the Judge shall raise the seals at the end of ten days, if no heir has previously presented himself, and make an inventory of the effects contained under them.

It is on record that on the 30th August, the Judge did order the seals to be raised, and appointed a notary to do so and take an Inventory. It was then competent for the ~~[illegible]~~ Officers of the mint to withdraw & take *possession of the property of the Government.* Why did they not do so? *The "interference" of Mr Barker could not have prevented it.* "On the 28th & 29th of August, you wrote to Mr Forstall indicating your wishes as to the course he was to pursue". Why were they not obeyed? The conclusion is inevitable that it was thought best for the seals to remain affixed until the arrival of Mr Cammack, the newly appointed Treasr & that the raising of them was *postponed by the consent & sanction of the agents of the Govt*, as well as that of Mr Barker.⊙ This view is confirmed by the facts — that Mr Cammack, the newly appointed Treasurer, was then daily expected to arrive & immediately to enter on his duties — that some disorganization was (probably) occasioned by the deaths of Maxwell & Tyler — that charges of dishonesty were afloat — investigations had been held — and much crimination & recrimination had taken place among the officers of the mint — And Mr Cammack had been rendered so cautious & wary by these circumstances, that *he declined* ~~entering upon his duties~~ receiving the bullion for two or three weeks after his arrival.

It is therefore not a forced conclusion that the Actg Superintendent consented to the vaults being kept closed with the gold & silver they contained, until the new Treasurer should take charge of them, as *being most satisfactory under existing circumstances, and the most safe against confusion, or suspicion.*

Mr Barker though not an Agent of the Govt was operated on by these views, & believed the delay would be advantageous & satisfactory to the Govt. As a citizen of the United States

⊙ The alternative is that the Officers of the mint were ignorant of their rights he had a right to be so influenced, as also to make any suggestions or "interference" upon this subject he may have thought proper. At the same time, it is true, he was not without feeling anxious to protect the reputation of the deceased with respect to his charge of the public property. It is not in the least degree probable that he was desirous to retain for any purpose, a keeper in charge (during so long a time) of the small personal effects of the deceased.

The circumstance of Styles being already employed in the Mint makes no difference. He was probably selected as a keeper by the Judge, in deference to the officers of the Mint, as more agreeable & in preference to a stranger. He or any other person so appointed, was entitled to compensation, and was responsible under the Penal Laws. It was a distinct service, and it should be no objection that he was already paid by the Govt for other duties.

I submit to you therefore, is not the Government rather than the estate of the deceased, justly bound to the payment of that unexpected charge — And the latter having necessarily paid it, is not the former bound in equity to reimburse it?

I am very respy Sir
Your Obt Servt
Chas T Stewart

R M Patterson Esq
Director of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. Since writing the above, I enclosed it to Mr Barker who has added a few remarks on the following page

The correspondence going on between myself & the officers of the Govt. & the Director of the Mint induced me to interfere to prevent the breaking of the seals until the then prevailing epedemic passed away & the new Treasurer should be ready to receive, I was as much influenced with the view to protect the interest of the Govt. as I was the reputation of the departed Maxwell, they however were inseparable. Mr Fastall as well as Doctor Hort were at the time implicated in the charges under investigation. A person in the employment of the Mint should not have been allowed to make the charge, he having done so, it does not impose on Mr Maxwell any obligation to allow such charge

From/
Charles F. Stewart, Esq
New Orleans
June 16/45.
Recd 27th.

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R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Pd

he being an officer of the Govt. they should make him do his duty or abide the consequence, and not turn Mrs Maxwell over to him

With great respect I am dear Sir
Your assured friend
Jacob Barker

Mint of the United States.
July 16th, 1845.

Sir,

Among the vouchers which you have asked of Mr. H. C. Cammack, the late Treasurer of the New Orleans Branch Mint, there is one for Gold & Silver Coins reserved for the annual Assay, and transmitted to this Mint. Such coins were received by me, at three different remittances per mail, in sealed packages, with letters containing lists of them. ~~coins~~. The ~~rules of the law~~ act of Jan 18, 1837, requires that these coins be kept in a chest ~~reserved kept~~ appropriated for the purpose, ~~with~~ under locks of which the keys are in the separate keeping of the Treasurer and Assayer; and the seals of the packages are never broken except in the presence of the Assay Commissioners, in February. I can, therefore, now only state that the lists show an amount to have been thus sent, from the New Orleans Mint, in the present year, and under the Treasurership of Mr. Cammack, of $480; and that I truly believe this to be the just amount, though it cannot be ascertained positively until February next.

To
William Collins, Esq.
First Auditor of Treasury

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To/ William Collins, Esq.
1st Aud. of Treas'y.
Washington

July 16/45

New Orleans June 17th 1845

Dear Sir.

I have stated in a letter to R. M. Patterson Esq, relative to a claim advanced in behalf of the estate of the late Mr Maxwell, concerning which I called your attention recently, that "Mr Cammack had been rendered so cautious and wary by these circumstances (the position in which you found matters at the mint at this place) that he declined receiving the bullion for two or three weeks after his arrival".

May I be permitted to ask you if this is correct?

May I further be permitted to enquire if any opposition was made on behalf of the friends of the late Mr Maxwell, after you had entered upon your duties to your receiving the bullion?

May I also ask what officers of the Mint were present during the month of September: Had not the Treasurer been dismissed: Was the Actg Superintendent Dr Hort, under bonds: And was it not most safe for the Government under all the circumstances which had transpired that the bullion should be guarded by judicial security, than otherwise, until things had been placed in such a condition as to authorize you to receive it.

I am respectfully Sir
Yrs Obt Servt
Chas J Stewart

R. C. Cammack Esq

New Orleans 18 June 1845

Dear Sir

In reply to your note of yesterday I beg to say that my Commission as Treasurer of the U. S. Branch Mint in this City, is dated on the 3 August 1839. but as I was absent from the City that Summer I did not learn of my appointment until sometime after.

I returned home on the 17th September and on the same day I entered into the duties of the office. I recollect that application was made to me to receive the contents of the vaults of the Coiner, and the Melter & Refiner, immediately after my return, but owing to the time it required to get the office organized from a State of great Confusion, I declined to do so until the beginning of the following month. No opposition was made on behalf of the friend of Maxwell to my receiving his bullion.

There was no officer present, at the Mint during the month of September except Dr Hort (the assayer) and the Treasurer who had but just been removed.

The Bullion would certainly have been safe in the Custody of the assayer, who I have found to be an upright and Correct Man, if it could have been placed in his Charge - but the laws permit transfers of bullion from the M & R only to the Treasurer.

I am Sir, yours truly
H Cammack

Charles T. Stewart Esqr

From
Charles Stewart Esq.
To H. C. Cammack.
Jun 17 / 45.

From
H. C. Cammack,
in reply,
Jun 18 / 45.

New Orleans June 19th 1845

Dear Sir.

I herewith enclose my correspondence with the late Treasurer of the Mint at this place: and beg leave to call your attention to his admissions in confirmation of my letter of the 17th inst. The claim made is at least good for the time Mr Cammack declined receiving the bullion; and is it not a fair presumption that if Mr Cammack did not think it prudent or advisable to receive the bullion from the friends of Maxwell, it would have been much less prudent & advisable for Mr Forstall (who had been dismissed for inefficiency and had lost the confidence of the Government), to have received it.

The Office of Treasurer was in a "state of great confusion". The Superintendent had fled to avoid the yellow fever. The assayer was not under bonds, though acting as Superintendent, and the two other officers of the Mint had died. Under such circumstances it seems hard that the Govt should expect the estate of Maxwell to pay for the safekeeping of the public funds, which one of their officers would not receive & the other (Mr Forstall) made no attempt to withdraw from the custody of the Court, when it was compitent for him to do so.

I am very respy Sir
Your obt Svt
Chas Steuart

R M Patterson Esq
Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
Charles T. Stewart, Esq.
New Orleans.
June 19/45.

Rec'd. 27th.

N. Orleans 3 July 1845

My dear Sir

By the enclosed Copy of my letter to Mr Macmurdo, and his answer, you will see that I have been called on for the receipt of the new Treasurer for the Bullion in the hands of the M & R and the Coiner, at the time I left the mint, and for the amount of the Coins reserved for assay.- I have not get the receipt, but I hope the letter of the Treasurer will answer the desired purpose.- May I enquire how receipts are passed in similar Cases at your Mint? When I went into office I do not believe that I gave a receipt.

Please, Sir, to advise the first Auditor of the Treasury that you have received the Coins reserved for assay for the first, and part of the second quar of this year, and you will oblige me. The amoun is $480.

With great respect your
faithful servant
H C Cammack

Dr. R. M. Patterson

From
A. C. Cammack
Late Treasr. N. O. Br. Mt.
New Orleans
Recd July 14/45. 3d

New Orleans 3 July 1845

John R Macmurdo Esqr

Treasurer

Dear Sir

Enclosed is Copy of a Letter from William Collins Esqr. First Auditor of the Treasury, addressed to me - Will you be good enough to furnish me with the receipts which he asks for - At foot you have Memorandum of the balances of the different accounts as stated in my account current, and which you will find to agree with the Books of your Office - I am very respectfully

your obt Servant

"H C Cammack"

Gold Bullion	in the hands of the Coiner 24 May 1845 .	2. 401. 318 ounces
	in hands of the Melter and Refiner	4. 471. 746
Silver Bullion	- in the hands of the Coiner	109. 131. 77
	in the hands of the M & Refiner	121. 807. 97

Gold Coin - received for Assay $ 385

Silver Coin - received for assay 9^{5} $ 480 forwarded to Doctor Patterson in

U.S. Branch Mint N Orleans
Treasurers Office July 3d 1845

H C Cammack Esqr

Dr Sir

Mr Turner has handed to me your note of this morning, enclosing Copy of a Letter received from William Collins Esqr

Esqr. First Auditor, requesting you to transmit my receipts for the Gold and Silver Bullion in the hands of the Coiner and of the Melter & Refiner at the time of your transfer of this Office into my hands –

As I am not responsible by Law for the Bullion in the hands of these two Officers, and being desirous to avoid all unnecessary responsibility, I must beg to decline giving the receipts as requested, but I am very willing and do hereby verify the items mentioned in your note, as corresponding with the Books of this Office, agreeably to the annexed Certificates of the Coiner & the Melter & Refiner

The Books of this Office also show, that the item of Coins reserved for Assay, say $480 is correct, and when advised by Doctor Patterson that the amount has been transfered to my credit, should it be necessary I will promptly give you a receipt for same

I am very respectfully
Your obed't Serv't
John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer

Original

I Certify the amount of Gold & Silver, officially in my possession on the 24 day of May 1845 to be of the respective weights & values as per subjoined specification, corresponding with the balance to credit of H C Cammack, Treasurers amount of Gold and Silver on my Books this date –

Standard weight of Gold Bullion 2.401.318 Ounces

legal value thereof $ 44.675.67

Standard weight of Silver Bullion 109.131.77 Ounces

legal value thereof 126.989.70

U S Branch Mint New Orleans
Coiners Office July 3d 1845

John Brooks
acting Coiner

Original

I certify the amount of Gold and Silver Bullion officially in my possession on the 24 day of May 1845 to be of the respective weights and values as per subjoined specification, corresponding with the balance to credit of H C Cammack, Treasurers amount of Gold and Silver on my Books this date –

Standard weight of Gold Bullion 4.471.746 Ounces

legal value thereof $ 83.195.25

Standard weight of Silver Bullion 121.807.97 Oz

legal value thereof 141.740.14

U S Branch Mint New Orleans
Melter & Refiners Office July 3d 1845

J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

Under endorse from A. C. Cammack

Recd. July 14/45.

Mint of the United States.
July 5th, 1845.

Sir,

I send herewith a statement of my account with your treasurer, which, as you will see, was closed by a ~~check~~ draft from Mr. Cammack, of the 7th of May last, for the whole amount remaining in my hands. Of course I have now no funds to answer any further orders from the New Orleans Mint.

As the Treasury Department at Washington no longer enjoys the franking privilege, you will please, for the future, to send your reserve assay coins direct to me; and, if by mail, let the packages always be of moderate weight.

Mr. Tyler has just called on me, ~~and~~ and requests me to mention to you that he and his lady are well.

R. M. P.
Dr

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Superintendent of Br. Mint
New Orleans.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq
Sup. of Br. Mint
New Orleans.
July 5/45.

July 1845

Philadelphia July 8th 1845

Dear Sir

In my report to the Supt. before leaving New Orleans. I requested permission to procure certain articles for our mint while here at the north, to which he promised an answer ~~in~~ by a letter to me at this place. but as yet having received no word from him. I presume a letter will soon be here probably directed to your care, giving the necessary directions in the matter.

The articles most desired are plating rolls, pointing rolls. & a new centre joint to the ½ $ press

It appears to me to be necessary to have new rolls before we can go on with a full amount of business; inasmuch as we have not now a full sett, for the regular business. Will it not be well in case there is no place in this country to get them done readily. to send at once to England where those we now have, were made. the other articles I can get made anywhere here at the north.

I shall leave this afternoon for Springfield Mass. where I beg you will forward any letters to me which may be directed to your care

Very Truly

Your Faithful Servant

R. B. Tyler

Coiner US Br Mint,

Dr R. M. Patterson.

Director.

From/

P. B. Tyler,
Comm Br. Mint N. O
Philadelphia
8th

Recd July 9/45

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans July 10th 1845.

Sir,

I send you, by this mail, a box containing the coins reserved for assay, from deliveries made at this Mint, during the month of June, of which a memorandum is enclosed, together with the Statement of our deposites and coinage during the same period. These documents were not handed me until yesterday afternoon, owing to the absence of Mr. Macmurdo -

Mr. Tyler has, no doubt, informed you of the unavoidable necessity we will be under, in a short time of suspending our operations for about sixty days - he has, I presume, made known to you the condition of his department & particularly of the Boilers, which require entirely new bottoms / as also the giving way of the arch, under the principal furnace, in the Melting room. Temporary repairs were resorted to, about a month since, to enable us to go on -

I was induced, again to grant leave of absence to Mr. T. by representations received from him with regard to his rapidly declining health, and the precarious state of his Lady - It is understood, however, that Mr. Brooks, who acts for him, in the meantime, is to receive no extra compensation from Government -

We have received, by order of the Department, $30,000, to be converted into dimes and ½ dimes, to meet the demand for small coins, under the new Post Office law, which, by the bye, now makes it useless for us to remit our assay coins thro the Secretary of the Treas.

The suspension will not, of course, com=mence until this direction will have been complied with, of which you shall have due notice -

I have no letter from you, upon the subject of the dies last received - They are,

Die box No.	30	2 tail ½ dollar dies
	31	- 2 head - do - do
	32	- 2 head - do - do
	33	- 2 head - do - do
	35	1 head Eagle and 1 ½ dollar tail
1 ½ Eagle	34	~~1~~ pair - Eag~~les~~ - do
	36	2 tail ½ dollar do
	37	2 tail ½ dollar do
	38	1 tail ½ dollar and 1 tail Eagle -

Respectfully Y. ob. Serv.t

J. M. Kennedy

Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint U.S.
Philadelphia -

From/

Jos. M. Kennedy

Supt. B. Mint

New Orleans - July 10/45

Recd. July 21/45.

Statement of Gold and Silver Coins reserved for Assaying at the U.S. Branch Mint, New Orleans during June 1845

	Denominations	Number Pieces	Value	Total Val
1845	Gold			
June 19	Eagles from delivery of 500.	1	10	
25	do " do " 4000.	4	40	
30	do " do " 4000.	4	40	
				90
1845	Silver			
June 17	Half Dollars. fm. delvy. 100.000	20	10	
"	do " do 100.000	20	10	
25	do " do 92.000	18	9	29 "
	Total Gold & Silver Coins reserved in June 1845			$ 119 "

U.S. Branch Mint, New Orleans

Treasurer's Office, June 30th 1845

John K. Mainurdo

Treasurer

Wm. P. Hort

Assayer

No. 5

From / New Orleans Mint

Statement of Coins for assay reserved June '45

Rec^d. July 21/45.

Statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Branch Mint, New Orleans, during the Month of June 1845

Deposits

escription of the Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	dollars	cts	dollars	cts	dollars	cts
Gold										
Foreign Coins	967	82	941	769	17.521	28	17.521	28		
Foreign Bullion	209	02	68	825	1280	47	1274	47		
U.S. Coins	11	14	10	185	189	49	189	49		
U.S. Bullion	62	54	61	168	1138	–	1138	„		
									20129	24
Silver										
Foreign Coins	29.826	55	29.672	73	34.528	27	34524	49		
Foreign Bullion	401	25	384	67	447	61	446	47		
									34.975	88
					Total Deposits				55.105	12

Coinage

(A) Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		dollars	cts	dolls	cts
Gold					
Eagles	8500	85.000	„		
				85.000	„
Silver					
Half dollars	292.000	146.000	„		
				146.000	„
	300,500				
Total Coinage				231.000	„

U.S. Branch Mint, New Orleans
Treasurers Office June 30th. 1845

John K Macmurdo
Treasurer.

From
New Orleans Mint
statement of Dep. & Coin.
June '45

Rec^d^ July 21/45.

Mint U.S.
July 16 /45

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d inst.

It ~~is~~ seems strange, ~~certainly~~, that you should have been called upon for receipts for the bullion in the hands of the Coiner and Melter & Refiner, for which, while there, you are certainly not responsible. Your accounts are rendered to the Department up to the ~~day~~ time of your leaving the Mint, ~~and for the balance then in your hands you are to have a receipt from your successor in Office~~ including the final transfer to your successor. For such amounts as have been handed over to the Melter & the Coiner, since the last settlement, the endorsed warrants are, I should think, your sufficient vouchers. Such, at least, have they been considered here, in corresponding cases.

The reserved coins transmitted for the annual assay are, by the law, and by the practice of the Mint, held sacred. They are kept in a pyx, under two locks, of which the keys are held by the Treasume and the Assayer, separately; and the packages are never unsealed except on the day of Annual Assay, and in the presence of the Commissioners. — I am, therefore, unable to say positively ~~how~~ what amount you have transmitted to us: but I have said, to the First Auditor, that the packages as announced were duly received; that the accompanying lists show a total sum of $480; and that I fully believe this to be the true amount. With this statement he ~~we~~ ought to be satisfied.

Believe me, ever, dear Sir,
Most truly yours,
R. M. Patterson.

To/
Isaac C. Cammack, Esq.
New Orleans.

To/ A. C. Cammack, Esq

New Orleans

July 16/45.

Mint U.S.

July 17/45

Dear Sir,

I have received no communication from New Orleans on the subject of the articles which you mention in your letter of the 8th inst. If they be needed, (as you state), and can be procured here at the North, they ought certainly to be procured while you are on the spot.

Meſs. Morris & Co are now making a pair of Chilled rolls for the Dahlonega Branch Mint and I think there is reason to believe that their succeſs will be complete.

It is proper that you should know that I have not, at my command, a dollar of money belonging to the New Orleans Mint

Very respectfully &

faithfully yours

R.M.P.

Director

To/

Philos B Tyler, Esq.

Coiner N.O. Br. Mint.

To/ Philos B. Tyler, Esq.
Corner N. & Br. St.
Springfield Maſs
July 17/45.)

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans July 21st 1845.

Sir,

We suspended operations, on the 19th instant, with about $60.000 in gold, and $47.000 in silver, coin, more than the amount due to depositors — This last sum includes $30 000, coined into dimes and ½ dimes, by order of the Secretary of the Treasury —

The repairs required in the Melting and Coining departments will make it necessary, (as I am informed by Dr Riddell and Mr Brinks) to retain, during the intermission of our labours, all the men employed therein — It is our calculation at present, that we will be ready to resume business, about the 1st of October — Dr Riddell has leave of absence until that time, and entrusts Dr Hort with the charge of his Department — Mr Tyler wishes to have some rolls, and other pieces of machinery made in Philada during his visit there — I will shortly have you placed in funds, for the payment of the bills to the extent of the estimate furnished me by him viz: $500 -

Our surplus on hand, will, probably, enable us to pay off, all the deposites that will come in during the Suspension -

I am very
respectfully
Yr. ob. Serv.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

From/
J. M. Kennedy
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans 21st
Rec'd July 30/45.

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Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Director of the Mint of
the U.S.
Philadelphia

Springfield July 23d 1845

Dear Sir

I received your communication of the 17th inst last evening on my return from Boston I made inquiry for chilled rolls, at the large iron works & learned that they were made at Alger's in Boston with perfect success, yet if those should appear good which Mr Morris has made it would be much better to order ones there, I have written twice to Mr Kennedy since I have been here & have apprised him of the necessity of his supplying the necessary funds &c.

I expect to return to Philadelphia in about two weeks—

Very Respectfully
& Sincerely yours

R. B. Tyler
Coiner

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint

From/

Philos B. Tyler, Esq.

Coiner N. O. Br. Mint

Springfield

Mass. 23d

Recd/ July 26/45.

Mint U.S.

July 28, 1845.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst, enclosing the report of ~~the~~ your operations for June.

I have informed the Secretary of the Treasury of your intended suspension of work for the sickly season, and of the reasons which have led you to it.

You mention a Treasury transfer draft for $30,000, in silver, to be coined into dimes and half-dimes. I had stated to the Secretary the fact of the great abundance of these coins in New Orleans, and in the valley of the Mississippi, generally, I do not think that he will send you more bullion for this coinage. We have coined $225,000 in dimes and half-dimes, and are now engaged on $100,000 in quarters.

I have received, in safety, the package of coins for the annual assay, announced in your letter of the 21st.

V——

R——

RMP.

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To

Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.

Sup. a Br. M.

New Orleans.

P.S. Your list of dies last received from us, corresponds with ours.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans,
July 25/45.)

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
July 29. 1845

Sir,

Enclosed, you have a Memorandum of assay coins, reserved at this Mint, from deliveries made since the last Remittance, and up to the period of the Suspension of Operations - The package containing them also goes by this Mail.

I have received from the Secretary of the Treasury a communication saying: "Instructions "have been given by this Department to the Collector "of the customs at New Orleans, and, it is expected "will be given, by the Post Master General to the "Post Master of that City, to exchange at the "Branch Mint, all the Foreign Gold and Silver "Coins received by them, for American Coins, when "the exchange can be made without loss; and "I will thank you, to cause the amounts so ex="=changed, to be coined, the Gold into 1/2 and 1/4 "Eagles, and the Silver into quarters of a dollar."

I annex a copy of my reply, and am

Very respectfully
y. ob. Serv.

J. M. Kennedy
Supt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philada.

(Copy) U.S. Branch Mint, New Orleans
July 29th 1845.

Sir,

Operations have been, for some days, unavoidably suspended at this Mint, for the purpose of putting the Coining and Melting Departments in order- They are both greatly out of repair- We have on hand, for the purpose of accommodating the public during the suspension, (over and above the amount now due to Depositors) about $60.000 in Gold, and $47.000, in Silver, coin- This last sum includes $30.000, in dimes and ½ dimes coined by your directions-

It will afford me much satisfaction on the resumption of business, to obey your orders with regard to the re-coinage of the Foreign Gold and Silver coins, received at the Custom House and Post office in this City. I am apprehensive how=ever that the amount brought to the Mint, under your instructions and those of the Post Master Genl will fall far short of your expectations, for, I have been informed by the Collector, that the duties are, nearly exclusively, paid in Bank notes, and from my own personal observation, I know, that nineteen twentieths of the sum received in paym: of postage, are in American half dollars.

These notes might, it is true, be exchanged at the Banks, for specie, but the profit usually made, by the recoinage of Mexican dollars (that being almost the only Silver coin imported) will be an inducement, ~~with those Institutions~~, to deposite them with us, as they now do, on their own account, and to redeem their Paper, with American Coins — The Department, however, would no doubt, behold the accomplishment of its views, by directing the Treasurer of this Mint, to place, when required, to the credit of the Banks furnishing Mexican Dollars, for notes received at the Custom House, any *gain* that might arise from the conversion of the same into Coins of the United States.

An apology, Mr. Secretary, is perhaps due to you, for the liberty I have taken in making this suggestion — If so, I trust that you will deem it sufficient for me to state, that it comes from a desire, on my part, to see *realized*, any hope entertained by you, of conferring a benefit upon the Country —

Very respectfully
Yo. Ser.t

Hon R. J. Walker
Secretary
of the Treas.y

Sig.d J. M. Kennedy
Supt

From
J. M. Kennedy,
Sup^t Br. M^t
Rec^d New Orleans Jy 29
Aug. 8/45.

August 1845

Statement of Gold and Silver Coins reserved for Assaying at
the U.S. Branch Mint, New Orleans from 1st. to 19th. July 1845

Date		Denominations	Deliveries	Number of Pieces	Value	Total Va
1845		Gold				
July	9	Eagles fm. delivery	2000	2	20	
	18	do " do	3500	4	40	
						60
1845		Silver				
July	9	Halves fm. delivery	58.000	12	6 "	
	18	do " do	22.000	4	2 "	
	19	Dimes " do	230.000	46	4 60	
						12 60
		Total Gold & Silver Coins reserved fm 1st. to 19 July			$	72 60

U.S. Branch Mint at New Orleans
Treasurer's Office July 21st 1845

John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer

Wm P. Hort
Assayer

No. 6

From
J. M. Kennedy,
Sup. Br. Mt.
New Orleans L/79

Recd
Aug. 8/45

Memo. of Assay Coins Reserved
for Assay from July 1st to 19th '45.

From J. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans
Recd Aug. 16/45.

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans
August 7th 1845.

Sir

Enclosed is a report of our operations during the last month.

We have, since the 1st instant, been daily expecting a remittance from Washington, for our expenses during the present quarter – I will, on its receipt direct Mr. Marmande to send you a sight check for $500, for the purpose stated in my communication of the 21st ulto.

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

From
J. M. Kennedy
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans 7th

Rec'd
Aug. 16/45.

Statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Branch Mint, New Orleans, during the month of July 1845

Deposits

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting Ounces	dec	Standard Weight Ounces	dec	Value before Deductions Dollars	cts	Value After Deductions Dollars	cts	Total Value before Deductions Dollars	cts
Gold										
Foreign Coins	134	97	133	055	2475	44	2475	44		
Foreign Bullion	42	64	37	613	699	77	699	77		
U.S. Coins	16	69	15	818	294	29	294	29		
U.S. Bullion										
									3469	50
Silver										
Foreign Coins	3.132	25	3052	41	3551	90	3543	19		
Foreign Bullion	441	50	452	74	526	82	526	33		
									4078	72
Total Deposits, Dolls.									7548	22

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value Dollars	cts	Total Value Dollars	cts
Gold					
Eagles	5500	55.000			
				55.000	
Silver					
Half Dollars	80.000	40.000			
Dimes	230.000	23.000			
				63.000	
No. of Pieces	315,500				
Total Coinage, Dolls.				118.000	

Branch Mint of the United States, at New Orleans
Treasurer's Office July 31st 1845

John K. Marmurdo
Treas.r

Report of Deposites & Coinage
at New Orleans Mt. in July '45

Recd. Aug. 16'45.

Canton Mass. Aug. 8th 1845

Dear Sir

I received a letter a few days since from Mr Brooks stating. that as Mr Kennedy was sick he was authorised to say to me to get the Rolls & other things required by the mint & that Mr Kennedy would place $500 in your hands for that purpose &c now if the Rolls which Mr Morris is making are good then I hope he will be able to make three or four pairs for our mint will you be kind enough to ascertain & if he cannot I will make farther inquiry ~~here~~ in Boston, I am getting the forging which I desired, done here in Canton where I have come to spend a few days with my wifes relations

There is an extensive forge here & I think it a good place for the Mint to get large jobs of wrought iron work done they make all their iron from the Salisbury ore & it is said to be the best in the county & it is certainly very clean &c

Cannot the rolls already made be tried at the Mint in Philada so as to test them before more are ordered?

Very Sincerely Your
Faithful Servant

P. B. Tyler
Coiner
U.S. Br. M. N.O.

To Dr R. M Patterson.
Director U.S. Mint

From,

P. B. Tyler

Rec'd Aug. 11/45.

Comr R.O.Br. Mo.

Canton, Mass. Aug. 8

Mint U.S. Aug. 12 '45

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ulto, and also of the package of Assay Coins announced in it.

I received from the Treasury Department a letter respecting foreign Coins paid at the Custom House and Post Office, similar to that which was sent to you, but the instructions therein referred to have not brought us, as yet, a single deposite, — and the reason is that which you have given in your letter to the Secretary.

At the request of Mr. Tyler I have taken measures for procuring rolls for your Mint, in anticipation of the remittance promised in your letter.

Please to send me, if you have not already done so, a report of your operations in July up to the time of your suspension.

Yrs.

R.M.P. Dr

To Jos. M. Kennedy, Supt. Br. Mt. New Orleans.

Cw/

Jn. M. Kennedy

Sup. Br. Mt.

Aug. 12/45 New Orleans

Cincinnati Aug 15th 1845
Friday morning

R. M. Patterson Esq Director

Dear Sir

Having been recently informed by Dr J. L. Riddell of the Branch Mint N. O. that you would furnish me at your expense, with cents; I hereby annex you my check on C. W. $100. for which please send me, in such mode, as suits you best, with the understanding that the expenses of transportation are to be borne by you, ten thousand coppers or cents;

There is a great scarcity of this description of coin at present in our Cincinnati market, and it is very much wanted; The Spanish Eighths & Sixteenths of a Dollar, are only now worth here the value of Dimes & half Dimes & pass the same; consequently we have no lower value but such as coppers would furnish, which are exceedingly scarce

I am with great respect
Your obt servt
James Gilmore
Exchange Broker
Cincinnati Ohio

Phila

P. S. Annexed you have letter from Dr Riddell

Cincinnati August 15th 1845

Dr. R. M. Patterson Director &c

Dear Sir.

Your immediate attention to the the subject matter of Mr. Gilmore's letter, which I am sure will be given, will confer a favor on me. I think you ought to have a depot of cents here; they are much wanted. Think about $1000. worth are required. Mr. Gilmore however says he shall send for them as the wants of the market require.

I shall send you in two weeks or so, my Monograph of the Dollar, — 512 fac-simi figures of dollars, and values being therein given.

I have been so long detained here that I shall as soon as the monograph is finished, return to New Orleans. I have with me, samples of sweeps for sale. Sorry I cannot visit you this summer, When I left New Orleans 16th ult, I intended to do so.

Yours respectfully

J. L. Riddell

From / of James Gilmore,
&
Dr. J. L. Riddell
Cincinnati 13th

Rec'd (Aug. 19/45.)

post paid

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CINCINNATI O.

Dr. R. M. Patterson Director
United States Mint
Philadelphia

N. O.

Treasury Department
Aug.. 19. 1845.

Sir.

The enclosed letter from the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans was received from the Post Master General with a request that it might be forwarded to you with authority to comply with the request of the Post Master at N. Orleans

You will be pleased therefore to cause $250 worth of Copper Coins to be shipped to the Post Master at N. Orleans — to have them insured and the amount drawn for as suggested.

I am sir very Resp.y
R J Walker
Sec. of the Tr.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad.a

From

Sec. of Treasury

Recd 19th Aug.

Aug. 20/45

U. S. Branch Mint

New Orleans August 7th 1845.

Sir,

I have been requested by our Post Master, to ascertain whether you can furnish him, immediately, with $250 worth of copper coins, and am farther desired to state, that you will be at liberty to draw on him, at sight, for the amount, adding thereto whatever may be required to cover the expenses attending the shipment.

Very respectfully,

Yr obt Servant.

J. P. McLemes

Sup.

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director

of the ~~U. S.~~ Mint of the U. S.

Philada.

From

Jos. M. Kennedy.
Sup. B. Mint,
New Orleans.
Aug 7/45.

Recd. 21st.

Mint of the United States.
Aug. 21 / 45.

Sir,

I send enclosed a bill of lading of $250 worth of cents, applied for by you, through Mr Kennedy, Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint. I regret that your application was not sent directly to me, as it belongs to an ordinary every-day transaction. ~~Att. As it occurs Under~~ By the course taken, it first came under the consideration of the Post Master General, and was then referred by him the Secretary of the Treasury, who put the matter ~~int~~ into my hands with instructions.

The Treasurer of the Mint has drawn on you for $257.43, endorsed to the order of Parshall, Beebe & Co. This amount is made up as follows:

For copper coins, —	$250.
Insurance 1½ per ct., on $257,	3.86
Policy, —	1.
Discount on draft, at 1 per ct.,	2.57
	$257.43

Very respectfully
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To/
A. G. Penn, Esq.
Post Master,
New Orleans.

P.S.

Postscript. — Should you again wish for a supply of copper coin, please to let the amount be an even number of hundred dollars worth, as our kegs are made to hold this sum. Please also to send, for the payment, a draft, payable here or in New York, for the value of the cents required. We pay the cost of transportation; ~~be~~ ~~but do not insure. Insurance has now~~ but not of insurance. If you wish that effected, the premium at 1/2 per cent must be added, ~~to~~ with $1, for the policy.

R. M. P.

To/ A. G. Penn,
Post-Master,
New Orleans.

Aug. 21/45.

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's office Augt. 22^d. 1845.

Dr Sir

The Superintend^t. of this Branch of the Mint, having authorised the purchase by Mr. Tyler & Dr Riddell of certain materials for their respective departments, say to the extent of $500 by the former & $100 by the latter, he has requested me to confer with you as to the payment. I suppose that by the time the payment is due, drafts at sight on this point will either be at par, or command some premium, and I have to request that you will consider this as your authority to draw upon me at sight for that amount, say Six hundred Dollars - Please render separate bills, say one for the articles for the Coining & the other for the Melting & Refining Departmt, & add to or deduct from the cost, the exchange as it may happen to be, when you have to pay the bills. If you should prefer any other mode of obtaining funds for the purpose above designated, please state it & I will very cheerfully & promptly meet your views.

Very respectfully
yr obd^t Sv^t.
John K. Macmurdo
Treas^r.

To/ Dr R. M. Patterson.
Director. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From

J. R. Macmurdo, Esq.

Treas. Branch Mint U.

Recd New Orleans, Aug. 22/4

Sept. 1/45

September

1845

Statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Branch Mint, New Orleans, during the month of August 1845

Deposits

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Wt.		Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	dollars	cts	dollars	cts	dollars	cts
Gold										
Foreign Coins	81	25	81	974	1525	09	1525	09		
Foreign Bullion	10	51	7	240	134	70	134	70		
U.S. Coins	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
U.S. Bullion	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
									1659	79
Silver										
Foreign Coins	5713	80	5578	28	6491	08	6475	08		
Foreign Bullion	832	"	905	95	1054	20	1054	20		
									7545	28
									$ 9205	07

Coinage

Denominations	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		dollars	cts	dollars	cts
Gold					
No Coinage					
Silver					
No Coinage					

Branch Mint of the United States at New Orleans
Treasurer's Office August 30th. 1845
John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer

Report of Deposites at N. O
for August.

Recd Sept. 16/45.

Mint of the United States.
Sept. 3d, 1845.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d ult., in which you ask my advice as to the best means of placing in my hands an amount of $600 to be expended here for articles desired by the Coiner & the Melter and Refiner of your Mint.

I have made inquiry as to the ~~price~~ value of a draft drawn on you here, and find that it would be at a discount of 7/8 ths ~~of one~~ per cent. This course is therefore not a desirable one at present.

Could you not purchase at New Orleans a bill payable here, at a price at or below par; and would not this be ~~the~~ a ~~most~~ more eligible means of transmitting funds?

Another course has been sometimes pursued, in ~~the same~~ corresponding cases. It is for the Superintendent to make a requisition on the Department, in my favor, for the amount desired; and this appears to me to be the most unexceptionable method of all. If adopted, the Superintendent will accompany his requisition with an explanation of its object.

You will select the course which you may judge best. I have not yet any call for a payment on account of your Mint.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
John R. Macmurdo, Esq.
Treasurer of Branch Mint,
New Orleans.

To/

J. R. Macmurdo
Treasr. &c.

Sept. 3, '45 New Orleans

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
September 6. 1845.

Sir,

I send you, herewith enclosed, our Statement for August.

We are progressing rapidly with our repairs, and will undoubtedly, (so far as they are concerned) be ready to resume business by the 1st of October. There is, on the other hand, every prospect of a continuance, of the perfect salubrity with which our City has, this year, been so far blessed—

I have requested Mr. Macmurdo, to put into your hands, in the manner in which you shall yourself direct, the sum of Six hundred dollars, to be applied to the payment of such pieces of Machinery as are required by Mr. Tyler, and of the following articles for the use of our Melting Department, which you will oblige me by sending us as soon as convenient.

2 Doz Black Lead Melting pots No. 60.
4 — do — " — " — " 40.
4 — do — " — " — " 35.

Very respectfully
Y. obt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

From.

Jos. M. Kennedy

Sept. 8.

Recd. New Orleans

Sept. 6

Sept. 15 /45.

Mint of the United States.
Sept. 12th, 1845.

Dear Sir,

Your friend Mr. Massey did me the favor of leaving with me, yesterday, your "Monograph of the Dollar," for which I beg you to accept my thanks. It is a work of great interest, — the result of ~~great~~ much research and industry.

I have not yet had time to examine your ~~work~~ book with such care as would justify me in giving a criticism of it, either favorable or unfavorable. But there is, at the very outset a ~~mistake~~ statement made in it, which I regret, ~~because if the error had been committed~~ It is that the legal value of the U.S. dollar was changed by the act of 1837. ~~Your~~ The error has its origin in your assuming, as the old standard, 892.4 th; whereas this is only an approximation to the legal standard, which is truly expressed by the fraction $\frac{1485}{1664}$ [= 892.4279.... &c.] See act of April 2d, 1792, Sec. 13. Now as the weight of the old dollar was 416 grains, it will be seen that exactly 371.25 grains of this was of pure silver; which is also exactly the quantity of pure silver in the present dollar, being just nine tenths of 412.5.

R. M. P.

Dr. J. L. Riddell.

To/ Dr. J. L. Riddell,
Branch Mint,
New Orleans.

Sep. 12/45.

U. States Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office Sept. 15th 1845.

Sir)

Your Letter dated 3d Inst. reached me yesterday and its contents have my particular attention. When I wrote you on the 22d ult., a check on Philadelphia would have cost 1 a 1/4 pct. Premium, which was the inducement for consulting with you in regard to the remittance. At present a check could be bought at par, or perhaps at some discount, but I have concluded to adopt your suggestion, & let the Superintendt. make a requisition on the Treasy. Department at Washington, and I have notified Mr Kennedy accordingly.

I am, with great respect
Yr very Obdt. St.
John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer.

To/
Dr R. M. Patterson
Director
U. S. Mint, Phila.

From,

J. R. Macmurdo
Treas: Br. M.
New Orleans,
Rec'd Sept. 13th
Sept. 22 /45

Treasury Department
Septemr. 25th. 1845

Sir,

A letter under date of the 16th inst. received this morning from Mr. Kennedy Superintendt. of the U.S. Branch Mint at New Orleans contains the request, that a sum of $600 may be remitted to you from an appropriation by Congress for the Contingent expenses &c of that Branch, with the view of paying for certain Machinery procured at Philadelphia; which reference to his letter will explain the object of a warrant for this amount, which has this day been directed to be issued in your favor.

Very Respectfully Sir,
I remain Your Obt. Svt.
R J Walker
Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From,

Sec. of Treasury

Rec'd Sept. 25

Sept. 20/45,

September, 1845,

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Oct 2d 1845.

Sir,

I enclose our statement for the last month, and have the pleasure of saying, that we resumed business yesterday. We have not altogether completed the repairs contemplated, particularly in the Melting Department, but enough has been done to enable us to work with efficiency — We received this morning, one deposite of $120,000 — twenty of it in French Gold coins —

Respectfully
Yr ob Servt
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia —

From
Jos. M. Kennedy.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Oct. 2/45.

Rec. 11th.

October 1845

Statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Branch Mint, New Orleans, during the month of September 1845

Deposits

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold										
Foreign Coins	99	86	98	446	1831	54	1831	54		
do Bullion	9	00	5	350	99	54	99	54		
U.S. Coins	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
U.S. Bullion	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
									1931	08
Silver										
Foreign Coins	2999	70	2911	69	3388	15	3378	53		
do Bullion	220	25	225	90	262	86	262	57		
									3651	01
								$	5582	09

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold					
No Coinage					
Silver					
No Coinage					

Branch Mint of the United States, N. Orleans
Treasurer's Office Sept 30th 1845
John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Oct 5th 1845

Sir,

Your letter asking for our Estimates for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st of July next, was received yesterday. A consultation with Mr. Macmur, who is now absent, is desirable. I will, immediately upon his return, which will be on Wednesday the 8th inst, have a conference with him, after which, the document called for by you, shall be forwarded without delay.

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From,
Jos. M. Kennedy
Sup. Branch Mint
New Orleans
Oct. 5

Rec'd
Oct. 17/45.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Oct 14. 1845

Sir,

After an unavoidable delay of a few days, since the receipt of your letter of the 26th ult., I, now wait upon you, with an estimate and specification of the appropriations which will be required for this Mint, for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st of July, 1846.

If any thing has been overestimated, it is the "probable expense" under the head of "Wages of Workmen" for the balance of the present fiscal year, which is put down at $15,000 — I think, upon reflection, you may safely reduce that sum about $1,500. The item of Contingencies may appear large, but should we again fail to obtain an appropriation for Machinery and Machinists, we will, for the payment of one or two new milling machines of which we absolutely stand in need, be compelled to draw upon the contingent fund —

Respectfully Yr. ob. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

Mr. Tyler has not yet returned to his post —

From,

Jos. M. Kennedy

Sup. Br. Mt.

Rec'd New Orleans

Oct. 24/45. Oct 14

Grounds of the Estimates of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, for the Fiscal year ending 30th June 1847

Estimated means and expenses for the 4th Quarter of 1845 and the 1st and 2nd Quarters of 1846

Probable Means

1	Available Balance in the hands of the Treas. Sep. 30/45	$ 3188.12
2	Appropriations undrawn and still available	„ 43.900.—
3	Estimated legal deductions from deposits to June 30/46	„ 200.—
	Total of Means	$ 47.288.12

Probable Expenses

1	Salaries of Officers & Clerks	$ 9675.
2	Wages of Workmen	„ ~~15.000.~~ 13,500
3	Wastage of the whole year 1845	„ 6.000.
4	Incidental & Contingent Expenses	„ 15.500.
	Total of Expenses	„ ~~46.175.~~ 44,675
	Difference, being the probable excess of means over expenses and which must be deducted from the Appropriations for the next Fiscal year	$ ~~1.113.12~~ 2,613.

The items of Salaries and Wages are specific and correspond to the Appropriations; The above Balance $ ~~1113.12~~ 2613 is wholly available therefore in the Incidental and Contingent expenses, the Appropriations for which must be diminished by this Amount in in the next year

All the Expenses of the current fiscal year (ending June 30/4 may be set down at $56.200. with a Coinage of three to four millions, — Assuming that an equal Amount of Coinage will be effected in the year following, we must

estimate as the Expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1847 including Wastage of the whole of 1846, and deducting also the surplus of $~~1113~~ 2613.12 in the Incidental and Contingent Expenses of the Current fiscal year, as shown above, and including an additional sum of $4500. for Repairs and new Machinery which have become necessary		$.59.600.—
Subtracting therefrom Estimated legal deductions from deposits during the year		" .200.—
There will remain to be asked to cover the Expenses of the year ending June 30th. 1847 — — —		
namely. For the 1/2 Year ending Decr. 31st. 1846 which includes the Wastage of the whole year 1844 and also the Appropriation required for repairs & new machinery	$.34.950.—	
For the 1/2 Year ending June 30th 1847	" 24.450.—	
Total Amount as pr. Estimates submitted . .		$ 59.400.—

Branch Mint of the United States at New Orleans

Estimates for Branch [illegible] 1846-7

Specification of Appropriations required for the Ordinary Expenses of the Branch Mint of the United States at New Orleans for the Fiscal year ending June 30th. 1847, supplementary to "Grounds of the estimates of the Branch Mint at New Orleans for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th. 1847."

Oct. 24 1845

Specification of Appropriations required for the whole Fiscal year ending June 30th. 1847

1	Salaries of Officers & Clerks			$ 12.900
2	Wages of Workmen			" 19.000
3	Wastage for the Whole year 1846			" 6.000
4	Incidental & Contingent Expenses		$ 18.300.	15,500
	Less			
	Surplus from last year available herein	$ 1.100.		
	Estimated legal deductions from deposits	" 200.	" 1.300	" 17.000
5	Machinery and Machinists			" 4.500.
	Total of Appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending 30 June '47			57,900 $ 59.400

Estimates for New Orleans
Branch Mint 1846-7

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Recd
Oct. 24 '45

(Copy)

Branch Mint, New Orleans October 15th. 1845

J. M. Kennedy, Esq
Superintendent,

Sir

I beg to solicit your advice in respect to the Gold and Silver Sweep in my department,

In reference thereto, three plans present themselves

1st. Shipping it abroad to find a market

2nd. Advertizing for proposals to purchase it

3rd Working it here in the Mint, impoverishing it so that it will become too poor to be worth sending abroad

As to the first plan, to whom can it be shipped? I believe they are or have been equally perplexed in Philadelphia, Besides I am unwilling to ship it at my own cost and risk, replacing its value in the Mint with my own funds, until the Net proceeds be received, as I have done on a former occasion, I would be glad that you would ship it, at the expense and risk of the Mint, I to retain a certificate of its net value to be used if necessary in settlement

The second plan would be akin to the proceedings of other Government Officers in other departments; Advertizing in New York and New Orleans, would probably procure us definite offers from the Agents of Sweep Smelters, after a little delay, An opportunity of fairly sampling and Assaying the sweep being given to said Agents and Sweep smelters; This it seems to me would be preferable to sending it abroad to some particular Smelter, who would return us just what he pleased for it,

As to the third method, remote as we are from any sweep smelting establishments or Sweep smelters permanent agents, it seemed to me years ago, desirable to work it up here if practicable. There is in the Melting Department an adequate furnace for the smelting, and I have taken great pains to learn the various processes requisite to the operation, as practised by Sweep Smelters, Besides, I have had the fortune to hit upon more economical means of impoverishing Sweep to a great extent, than they practice — You will remember that I began operations of this sort in 1841 when you saw proper in consequence of communications from Dr. Patterson to stop their further progress — But I still think it would be advantageous to the Mint, and would lessen the wastage in my department, to have the Sweep made, worked over here, At least I should be pleased with your approval to complete the experiment begun or rather to renew it, by operating upon a small portion (say 5 or 10 barrels) previously assayed, keeping a strict Account of the expenses of labor, fuel, materials &c, in order that I may lay before you full and accurate data in reference to the matter.

Respectfully, Your Obt. Servt.

Signed. J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

(CM)

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans, October 18th. 1845

Sir,

Your last year's sweep, which, I regret to hear, is still undisposed of (a circumstance which, you must be aware, it will be incumbent upon you satisfactorily to explain) cannot be worked up in the Mint. Such, as you properly remark, was the decision of the Director in 1841.

The plan of advertizing for proposals to purchase it, is, I admit objectionable, unless it could find a market here. Of this, however, there is no probability, and negotiations between the Northern smelters and yourself, would inevitably lead to a delay in the sale, which has already been protracted far beyond the period contemplated.

My advice to you, is to ship it, immediately, to the house of Greenfield & Longman of New York, subject to the orders of Dr. Patterson, the cost of Casks, portage and freight to be borne by the Mint. They will probably take it at our Assay and weight. If not, let them send samples of it to the Philadelphia Mint, in which case, the Director will, no doubt, see that you obtain for it its full and just value. I hope that Dr Patterson will not look upon this course as an abuse of the ready disposition he has uniformly manifested to oblige us.

In conclusion, let me remind you, that your last year's Account cannot be considered as completely settled, until the Market value of this Sweep (which is looked upon as your property, and which in the words of the Director "must be introduced in its appropriate year") will have been ascertained, "and the bullion which can actually be procured for it, transferred to the Treasurer." It therefore becomes my duty to say to you, that if you will not, prior to the 31st of December next, have received upon the books of that Officer credit for the Nett product thereof, you will, before rendering your Account for the present year, be expected to deposite the estimated value of your sweep of 1844 in Bullion.

If you think it advisable to insure it, I will submit to

Dr. Patterson the propriety of reimbursing the amount of the ~~Policy~~ premium.

respectfully your Obt. Servt.

Signed J. M. Kennedy

Supt.

Dr. J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

Branch Mint, New Orleans Oct. 23rd 1845

J. M. Kennedy, Esq. Superintendent

Sir,

Your favor of the 18th inst. received yesterday leaves me somewhat in doubt as to the extent of personal responsibility which would attach to me in sending away the sweep for a market. Could I attend personally to the sale, I should regard myself as personally responsible, or were the sweep shipped to the care of Dr. Patterson, payment to be made to him in advance by the Smelter I should feel safe, even then, in case of settlement, I do not by what law or train of reasoning, a Melter & refiner should be required to advance his own funds (amount of which he might not have) to make up the amount. It seems to me that the Assayer's certificate of value should be allowed in settlement, with full statement of circumstances,

I took with me samples of our sweep, this season to the North, but did not get far enough North to get bids from Smelters,

I am strongly under the impression that I learned last summer in Philadelphia that Greefield & Longman are no longer Sweep Smelters, I know of none in this Country to whom the sweep could properly be sent, Sweep Smelters are in the habit of failing now and then, They are celebrated for putting not *too high* an estimate upon Sweep - Dr Patterson informed me last Summer 1844 that the best way to deal with them is to invite their bids for Sweep in competition with one another, and that London offered by far the best market -

My predicament seems to be this, Sweep or dirt containing a small amount of precious metal necessarily accumulates from the operations of Melting and refining. - I am not permitted to extract the precious metal here at the expense of the Mint, though economically prepared to do so, not even permitted to experiment, that the exact cost of working 100 lbs. may be determined, but I am required to ship the sweep abroad in pursuit of an unknown market, taking probably myself the whole risk at sea, and no assurance, that if the Smelters should fail to pay for it, I should not ultimately have to ~~pay for it~~ lose the Amount from my own Pocket

The only proposals which I have from Smelters to purchase the sweep, one from persons whose pecuniary responsibility I am unacquainted with, and these proposals do not contemplate the payment in Advance.

Should a careful trial upon 5 Barrels, to which under the circumstances, I believe Mr Patterson would assent, show that the sweep could be advantageously worked in this Mint, the Government would necessarily be a gainer, by just so much as the customary allowance for smelting ($8. pr. 100 lbs.) should exceed the Actual cost of labor material & fuel employed in extracting the precious metal from it here. The contingent fund of the Mint would be drawn upon for the latter, and the coinage Account would profit by the former

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Signed, J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Oct 15. 1845

Sir,

I have to request that you will send us, for the use of our Melting Department, 50 carboys of Nitric Acid, for Parting. If the settlement of the bill cannot be postponed until after you will have placed the value of our assay coins to our credit, the amount thereof, as has been done heretofore, can be paid here by our Treasurer, upon whom a draft for the same may be drawn, at sight.

Could you spare us from your Mint (as we may stand in need of them, sooner than was at first anticipated) a dozen or two of black lead pots No 40, to be replaced from those ordered in my letter to you of the 6th of September? This desire is expressed in the event of the pots for which the above order was made not being now on their way out, or in case of a probable material difference between the period of their arrival and the receipt of those which are the object of this request.

Respy yr obt Servt

J. M. Kennedy

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philada

From

Jos. M. Kennedy

Sup.t B. Mt. N.O.

New Orleans Oct. ~~14~~ 15

Rec'd

(Oct. 27/45

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Oct 24th 1845.

Sir,

I send you copies of a recent correspondence with the Melter & Refiner of this Mint in relation to his Sweep of 1844.

In a communication to you of the 1st February last, I stated the intention of that Officer, as expressed to me by himself, to prepare immediately samples of this Sweep, to be sent to the North and to England, with a view to its sale. These samples it now appears, were made up by Dr. Riddell at the period of our Suspension in July, and, as he left this city with the purpose of visiting New York and Philadelphia, he took them with him - Not having gone farther than Cincinnati, where he was detained to superintend the publication of his book, the samples were brought back, and the Sweep is still on his hands. I hope my reply to his letter will be satisfactory to you -

Mr. Macmurdo has requested me to make known to you his desire to obtain either from Congress, or the Department (provided the Secretary of the Treasury be empowered to authorize such a disbursement, from our Contingent fund) an allowance for house rent. He sees not, why he should not be placed upon an equal footing with the other Officers, for whom dwellings in the Mint are provided. If his view of the case, which does not appear to me to be unreasonable, should meet with your concurrence, will you be so kind as to give him your advice, with regard to the best mode of proceeding?

I am very respectfully
Yr. obt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.=

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S. Phila.

I have

this moment received Dr. Riddell's second letter, which I also enclose for your consideration. — He has been made aware, that you invariably required payment for the sheep in advance, and that the gratification of his preference for its shipment to your care, depend upon himself.

He says to me, as you will observe "your favor of the 18th recd yesterday &c" It is perhaps proper for me to say, that I, in the first instance, communicated to him verbally, the conclusion to which I had come in this matter, adding that some important business would, for a few days, interfere with my reducing it to writing. —

From,

J. M. Kennedy
Sup Br Mint
New Orleans
Oct. 24

Recd
(Nov. 3/45.)

November 1845

Springfield October 24th 1845

Dear Sir

I am under the disagreeable necessity of dating my letter from this place, and I deem it my duty to inform you of the causes which have detained me here beyond the time at which it was expected that I should return to New Orleans

I intended to have returned sooner than the time to which Mr Kennedy gave his consent for me to remain; but have been afflicted with a painful disease, by which I have been unable to undertake the journey or even to walk without distress, I remained from day to day with the hope of getting immediate relief and of reporting myself to you on my way home, but the time passed away untill yesterday, when I started for the journey, although I was far from being well, but on driving to the R. R. depot. Mrs Tyler complained so much of illness that I determined to return & start this morning but her sickness increased to a violent fever & she is now very sick, we hope however that she will immediately recover. as she has been quite well all the summer, in which case I shall proceed by the most expeditious rout to New Orleans, I feel exceedingly troubled at being detained here, but I feel assured that Mr Brooks will conduct the coining with fidelity & efficiency, and that he may more fully exert himself, I have written to him that I will remunerate him, I do not expect to leave here untill monday when I hope on my way to call on you

Very Respectfully
& Sincerely Yours, R. B. Tyler

To Dr R. M. Patterson.
Director. US Mint

From,
Philos B. Tyler.
Conier No BM.
Springfield Ms.
Oct 24

Rec'd
Oct. 27/45.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans November 4. 1845

Sir,

I hand you herewith, a Statement of our Deposites and Coinage in October, and also of the gold and silver coins reserved for Assay, from deliveries made during the same period, the package containing which, I have forwarded, by this day's mail —

We have, of late, had some difficulty with our silver melting pots, the founder, in the words of Dr. Riddell "having had bad luck in casting them". To this is to be attributed the disproportion which you will perceive, between the amount of deposites and the Coinage —

Very respectfully,
Y. ob. Serv.
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From,

J. M. Kennedy, Supt.

New Orleans Nov. 4

Recd Nov. 13 '46

From/

J. M. Kennedy, Esq.

Sup. B. M.

New Orleans

Nov. 4 '45

Recd Nov. 13/45

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Statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Branch Mint, New Orleans during the month of October 1845

Deposits												Coinage					
Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before deduction		Value after deduction		Total Value before deduction			Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	dollars	cts	dollars	cts	dollars	cts				dollars	cts	dollars	cts
Gold Foreign Coins & Bullion	5931	17	5760	406	107.170	35	107.170	35				Gold Eagles	7000	70.000	„		
U.S. Coins U.S. Bullion	24	55	25	504	474	49	474	49	107.644	84						70.000	
Silver Foreign Coins	229.889	01	228.876	40	266.328	90	266.316	61				Silver Half dollars	190.000	95.000	„		
do Bullion	391	85	.369	98	430	52	429	23	266.759	42						95.000	„
					Total of deposits				374.404	26			Total of Coinage			165.000	„

Branch Mint of the United States at New Orleans
Treasurer's Office November 1st 1845
John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer

Report of Dep. & Coinage at
N. O. Mint in October 1845

Statement of Gold & Silver Coins reserved for Assaying at the U.S. Branch Mint at New Orleans from 1st to 31st. Octr. 1845

dates	Denominations	deliveries	number of Pieces	Value		Total Val	
1845	Gold						
Oct. 31	Eagles from delivery	7000	7	70	"	70	"
1845	Silver						
Oct 11	Half dolls. frm. delivery	20.000	4	2			
20	do " do	40.000	8	4			
31	do " do	130.000	26	13		19	.
						$ 89	"

Branch Mint United States, New Orleans
Treasurer's Office October 31st 1845

Wm. P. Hort Assayer

John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer.

List of Assay Coins
Reserved at N. O. Mt. in
October, '45,

Mint U.S., Nov. 5/45.

Sir,

Mess. Leinig & co. have ~~ship~~ sent on board the ship Grenada, Capt. Spooner, the fifty carboys of nitric acid, asked for ~~by~~ in your letter of 15th ult. The amount of this bill is $555.78; and they prefer that payment should be made by me in February, when I shall be placed in funds by the proceeds of the assay coin.

Your order of the 6th of September for black lead melting pots could not be fulfilled to the letter, but we conformed to it as nearly as practicable, we sent hence in the ship Grenada one cask containing ~~50~~ 34 pots of No. ~~[illegible]~~ 60; and from N. York, in the Genessee, one cask containing 67 pots of No. 30, and ~~and~~ one containing 50 pots of No. 40. For these pots we have paid the bill, amounting to $185.25. Please to let me know how they are liked by Dr. Riddell.

After fully considering the ~~grounds of~~ statements presented in your communication of Oct. 16th, I ~~presented~~ sent to the Department the following estimate of the appropriations required, by your Mint, for the fiscal year commencing next July. If it require modification, please to let me know.

For Salaries of Officers & clerks	$12,900.
" Wages of workmen	19,000
" Incidental and Contingent expenses, including fuel, materials, stationery, water-rent, and wastage,	21,000.
" Machinery & Machinists,	4,500
	57,400

Mr. Tyler presented himself here on the 3d, and set out immediately after for New Orleans.

Mr. Macmurdo's question respecting an allowance of house-rent cannot be replied to by us. It will require the special action of Congress, and I confess that I should deem an application in that quarter ~~desperate, surely~~ hopeless. The ground on which residence in the Mint building was allowed to some of the officers was exclusively the advantage and security of the Mint itself.

R.M.P.

To
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mt. New Orleans.

To,

Jos. M. Kennedy,

Sup. Br. Mint

New Orleans

Nov. 5/45,

Baltimore November 5th 1845

Dear Sir

Not having had an opportunity of seeing you before I left Philadelphia I beg leave to inform you by letter from this place, that I called on Mr Morris & found that he had not done anything to our rolls, and that he could not promise to complete them in six months, I therefore requested him to cast one pair as soon as possible & ship them without turning, to us at New Orleans - He told me the actual cost of turning a pair was about 100$ My intention is to turn this pair at the mint and ascertain what the cost will be to us, and if it does not exceed the amount mentioned by Mr Morris I shall take immediate measures to have them done in New Orleans. It will therefore be well to countermand the order given to Mr Morris for our mint, as I am quite confident I can get them turned for considerably less and am sure of having them in much less time

I had good opportunity this last summer of learning how to cast & turn them, and am confident I can make a better job of it than the one I saw at Mr Morris foundry

The low stage of the water of the Ohio River induced me to start by the mail route & in consequence Mrs Tyler remains in Philadelphia during this winter

I am very Respectfully & Sincerely Yours

P. B. Tyler

To

Dr R. M. Patterson, Director US Mint

From
P. B. Tyler
Comm B.M.N.O.
Balt° 5th
Recd
Nov. 8/45.

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To/ Dr R. M. Patterson.
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

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U.S. Br. Mint. Coiner Office
New Orleans, November 18th 1845

To
Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint

Sir

I wrote to you from Baltimore, that I had started by the mail rout for home. After a tedious journey I arrived here in good health, finding everything in my department of the mint apparently in good condition. I mentioned to you in my letter, that I had ordered one roll which I found cast at Morris' to be sent to us immediately which Mr Morris promised to do. but the mails having arrived from Philadelphia six days later than the date of his promise, and no bill of lading having arrived, I am fearful that he has forgotten us entirely. Now I desire to go at once about making some rolls here and should like that one to try our means of turning, before going to any further expense for casting. I am confident, that I can make them much cheaper than the price charged by Mr Morris. and if I can the independence of this Mint in this respect is of considerable importance, I requested you to countermand the order given for rolls for us. which I think required by the great delay already made & the unsatisfactory promise for the future by Mr Morris - If you will do me the favour to have my wishes in this respect executed, & have the roll forwarded to us you will greatly oblige me

I notice that the dies lately sent to us are very imperfectly raised the letters are all merging into one another so as to give a confused appearance on the coin. Mr Kennedy has received your letter with regard to the sweeps but as yet I have received no instructions, which I suppose will be handed me in a day or two, when I shall

shall be in readiness to comply with your wishes

Very Respectfully

& Faithfully Yours

P. B. Tyler

Comd

From

Philos B. Tyler
Commr Br. Md.
New Orleans

Rec'd
Nov. 26/ 18th
(45.)

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Nov 29th 1845.

Sir,

I send, by this mail, agreeably to your letter of the 5th instant, a box containing 11 oz. of Dr Riddell's Gold Sweep, a statement of which, together with the Assayer's certificates, you will find herewith enclosed. The Dr informs me that the sample of his silver sweep will be ready in a few days. I have some remarks to make in relation to these sweeps, which I will communicate to you in my letter accompanying the same.

Mr Tyler requests that our dies for 1846, (particularly the Eagle and ½ dollar dies) may be sent "in time for fitting &c, before January" – I hope you will excuse me for having omitted to announce the return of that gentleman. He arrived on the 15th of this month.

Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philada.

From

Jos. M. Kennedy

Superint.d &c.

New Orleans Nov. 29

Recd Dec. 9/45.

December 1845

Branch Mint of the United States
at NEW ORLEANS.

ASSAYER'S OFFICE 24 Novr 1845

I certify that I ~~have this day~~ assayed 3 ~~melts~~ parcels, ~~of~~ Gold ~~ingots~~ Sweeps and that the following ~~numbers are~~ is the ~~of a proper fineness to be delivered to the Treasurer.~~ result

No.	Ft Gold		Ft
1	307	Silver	335
2	260	"	340
3	280	"	260

I therefore give the Average as follows:

Gold Ft	Silver Ft
282	312

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Wm P. Hort
Assayer.

Rec'd Dec. 9 '45.

Gold Sweep from N Orleans

No 1	168 ttt of Gold	145 ttt	Silver
2	162 ttt - - do	201 ttt	

Branch Mint New Orleans, Melter and Refiners office
November 26th. 1845

J. M. Kennedy Esq. Superintendent

Sir. Agreeably to your recent instructions and Dr. Patterson's letter, I have caused the gold sweeps on hand to be intimately mixed, having previously ground, washed, sifted, dried them etc. Three assays were made by Dr. Hort, whose certificate I inclose. The sweeps are now securely put up in 9 good whiskey barrels marked from 1 to 9. Gross weight $3.822\frac{1}{2}$ lbs

Weight of barrels $481\frac{1}{2}$

Net weight of sweep 3.341 lbs.

5 oz Troy of sweep yield $282^{\#\#}$ of fine gold &
" " " " $312^{\#\#}$ " silver

Hence total amount of gold in standard. $98.\frac{173}{1000}$
" " " silver " " $108.\frac{61}{100}$

There is 19 lbs less than 30 cwt (@112 lbs) say there is 30 cwt

Cost of smelting say $8 per cwt = $240.

Appropriate all the silver for this $\overset{oz}{108.61}$ = 126.36
And " of the gold $\overset{oz}{6.107}$ = 113.64
$240.

From the $\overset{oz}{98.173}$ of gold, deduct $\overset{oz}{6.107}$, and there remain of gold $92.\frac{066}{1000}$ oz standard, worth $ $1.712\frac{83}{100}$. Seventeen hundred and twelve dollars & $\frac{83}{100}$. the actual net value of the sweep.

Respectfully
J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner.

I certify that I have verified the foregoing calculations & have found them correct
N. O. 26 Nov 1845. Wm P. Hort Assayer

Accompanying this, you have 11 oz. troy of the same sweep a fair sample. J. L. R.

Rec'd
Dec. 9 '45

Post Office New Orleans
2nd Dec. 1845

Sir,

You will oblige me by shipping for this Office, per first good vessel, two kegs containing each, one hundred dollars worth of copper, say two hundred dollars in all —

Have them insured, and draw upon me as Post master for the amount — Please advise me soon as you have made the shipment, enclosing bill of lading, and thereby very much oblige your Obt

A. G. Penn

Post Master

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director Mint Philada

From/
A. G. Penn,
P.M.
Recd/ New Orleans.
(Dec. 15/ Dec. 3
(45.)

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans December 4. 1845.

Sir,

I enclose Statement of our Operations in November, and also of the coins, reserved for assaying, from deliveries made at this Mint, during the same period the package containing which also goes by this day's mail. The cause of the small amount of our last month's coinage again lies in the Melting Department, Mr. Tyler having been obliged, in some instances, to return ingots which, he informs me, "blistered in the rolling". Happily, however, this difficulty has, for some days past, ceased to occur, and I am urging it strongly upon the Officers, that we should close the operations of the year, out of debt. Dr. Riddell is not yet quite ready with the sample of his Silver Sweep.

very respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From

J. M. Kennedy,

Sup. Br. Mt.

New Orleans

Dec. 4

Recd (Dec. 13/45.)

Statement of Gold and Silver Coins reserved for Assaying at the U. S. Branch Mint at New Orleans from 1st to 29th. November 1845

Date		Denominations	Deliveries	number of Pieces	Value		Total Val	
1845 Nov.	29	Gold Eagles fm. Delivery	2.000	2	20	"	20	"
1845 Nov	15	Silver Hlf. dolls. fm. Delivery	28.000	6	3			
	28	do " do	80.000	16	8			
	8	do " do	46.000	9	4	50	15	50
		Thirty five 50/100 Dollars.	Total Amount		$		35	50

Branch Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans
Treasurer's Office December 3rd 1845

John K Macmurdo
Treasurer.

Wm. P. Hort
Assayer

Statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Branch Mint, New Orleans during the month November 1845

	Deposits										Coinage					
Description of Bullion	Gross weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before Deductions		Denominations	Number Pieces	Value		Total Value	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dolls.	cts	Dolls.	cts	Dolls.	cts			Dolls.	cts	Dolls.	cts
Gold											Gold					
Foreign Coins	581	77	568	144	10.570	12	10.570	12			Eagles	2000	20.000	"		
" Bullion	98	74	58	371	1.085	96	1.085	96								
U.S. Coins																
" Bullion	77	11	81	812	1.522	09	1.522	09								
									13.178	17					20.000	"
Silver											Silver					
Foreign Coins	117.325	30	116.623	78	135.707	68	135.686	15			Half Dollars	154000	77.000	"		
" Bullion	797	05	794	76	924	81	923	26								
									136.632	49					77.000	"
					Total Deposits				149.810	66	Total Coinage	156,000			97.000	"

Branch Mint U.S. at New Orleans
Treasurer's Office December 3rd 1845

John R. Macmurdo. Treas.

Mint U. S. Dec. 10/45

Sir,

I received yesterday your letter of the 29th ult., with the package containing Dr Riddell's gold sweep, an assay of which is already in progress.

I send to day the first of your series of dies for 1846. They are for half-dollars. The remittance shall be continued daily.

I have ~~received~~ written to our Postmaster, to protest against their being charged as letters since they contain no written matter and the amount for all your dies would be enormous. Henceforward we must seek some other conveyance for these heavy packages.

Very resp.

yr

R. M. P. Dr

To Jn. M. Kennedy, Esq

Super. Br. Mt.,

New Orleans.

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Jos. M. Kennedy,
Sup. Br. Mt.
Dec. 10/45. New Orleans

Mint U.S. Dec. 10, 1845

Dear Sir,

I send, by our messenger, the first of a series of packages containing dies for the U.S. Branch Mint at New Orleans. It is essential to the operations of that Mint that they should be forwarded, and the corresponding packages have heretofore always been sent by mail. But as this was done under the frank of the Secretary of the Treasury, the question of the rate of charge for postage has not been presented till now. There is no writing or print within the cover; it does not therefore come under the conditions either of letters, pamphlets, or newspapers. How then is the charge to be made? I should hope that it would not be deemed just to place it at the rate of letters, for as there will probably be more than thirty of these packages to be sent, by successive mails, the amount would be enormous, and, I think, unjust. The decision in the case is, however, with you, and we must submit to it.

Very respectfully,
& truly yours,
Robt. M. Pa

Dr George F. Lehman,
Post Master,
Philadelphia

Zo/

Dr Geo. F. Lehman

P. M.

Dec. 10/45 Philadelphia

Post Office
Philada. Dec 10th 1845

Dear Sir

Your package of dies No 1. for the Mint at New Orleans will be charged letter rates, at least I know of no other postage applicable to them. Those you sent to day weigh 3 pounds, or 48 ounces, which at 20 cents an ounce amounts to $9.60 cents postage.

As our New Orleans mail passes through Washington City, how would it answer for you to transmit the dies to the Secretary of the Treasury, and let him decide how they should be sent further South? The expense would be much less to send a special agent to New Orleans in charge of them all. The Collector of this Port is in the habit of employing a special agent to Washington with his heavy packages, and he thus saves to his Department a considerable sum.

With high regard,
Your Obt. Servt.
Geo. F. Lehman P. M.

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Director of the Mint.

From
Dr. Geo. F. Lehman,
Post-Master,
Philadelphia.
Dec. 10/45.

Recd. 11th.

Mint U.S. Dec. 11, 1845

Sir,

I sent yesterday No. 1 of your series of dies for 1846. I learn that it was charged at letter postage. Against this I have to day made a written appeal; and I withhold the package intended for the present mail till I get an answer. If it be not favorable I will take the case to Washington. Letter postage would subject you to an enormous expense.

R.M.P.

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To/ Jn. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mt.
New Orleans.

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Jos. M. Kennedy,

Sup. Br. M.

Dec. 11/45. New Orleans

Mint U.S. Dec. 12, 1845

Sir,

The decision of the Post Master is against me, on the ground that because our dies are not mailable matter at all, under the law, therefore, if sent by mail, it must be charged at the highest rate. Under the 330th article of the Post Office regulations, a tariff is given for pamphlets, &c. and every other kind and description of printed or other matter, and the charges would be perfectly satisfactory to me; but the Post Master avers that the words other matter can be applied only to matter mailable under the law. I shall refer the case to the Department at Washington.

In the meanwhile, I send you a case, No. ~~4~~ 30, containing a pair of eagle dies, as you have asked specially for half dollars and eagles. The Remainder I will keep back till I hear from Washington

R.M.P.

Jos. M. Kennedy,
Sup. Br. Mt.
New Orleans.

To/
Dr. M. Kennedy
Sup. Br. Mt.
New Orleans

Dec. 12/45.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans December 12th 1845

Sir,

At the time when the subject of gas was laid before you, you said "Working at night is highly objectionable, and "can be justified only by absolute necessity". Upon this subject I have recently had a correspondence with the Coiner, growing out of a requisition made by that Officer for lamps for his Department, which I will submit to you, so soon as copies thereof can be made out. I have acted, on the conviction, that your expression of "absolute necessity" is not designed to cover any little job, that can as well be done on one day or another, a trifling delay perhaps being the only consequence (and scarcely that, if the men do not, within the regular hours suffer the prospect of over time, to seduce them into laziness) but is meant to be invoked only on such a contingency as would lead to a suspension of operations.

Dr. Riddell informed me yesterday, that he was having the sample of his silver sweep assayed, and that it had been impossible for him to prepare it any sooner - I presume it will be ready for transmission by tomorrow or next day. The acid has arrived as well as the black lead pots, which have been tried by that Officer and pronounced satisfactory.

Respectfully
J. M. Kennedy Y. Obt. Sert.
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson, Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

10 cts.

From
Geo. M. Kennedy
Superintendent
New Orleans, 12th

Recd
Dec 20/45.

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Branch Mint of the United States,

at New-Orleans.

ASSAYER'S OFFICE, 12 Dec 1845

I certify that I have assayed for the Melter and Refiner b~~ars of~~ Silver Sweep ~~bars of Gold~~, and that the following is the fineness.

No.	FINENESS OF SILVER.		
	Oz		
Silver	1225	}	from Button weighing
Gold	10		oz 2.06

Wm P. Hort
Assayer.

Branch Mint New Orleans
December 17th 1845

J. M. Kennedy Esq.
Superintendent.

Sir.

Accompanying this you have 11 ozs of silver sweep a faithful and fair sample taken from sundry parcels after careful admixture. Said sweep is now well put up in 18 good and substantial barrels. It has been well ground and is dry. Its net weight is 9.250 lbs. The barrels weigh moreover 1022 lbs. Dr. Hort finds that 5 ozs troy yield 10 milligrammes of fine gold, and 1225 milligrammes of fine Silver. From which I make the following estimate: —

Gross standard ozs. of gold	9.638	Value	$179.29
" " " " Silver	1.180.71		1.373.90
			$1.553.19
Deduction for smelting at $8. per cwt. 82½ cwt			$ 660.00
Net value in ounces of standard silver	767.56	& in	$ 893.19

Respectfully your
Obedient Servt
J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

I certify that the foregoing estimates of the value of 9.250 lbs of sweep are correct

Wm P. Hort

Enclosure

Rec.d Dec. 31, 1845

[illegible]

Branch Mint New Orleans

Dec. 17th 1845.

J. M. Kennedy Esq. Superintendant

Sir.

I have on hand 23 barrels of Silver sweep since 1842, weighing 9.919 lbs, containing 1.123 $\frac{42}{100}$ ozs. standard of silver, the net value after deduction for smelting, according to my memoranda is 552 $\frac{81}{100}$ standard ounces of silver. It might be proper to remix and reassay said sweep, which if you think best I will proceed to do. The amount of all the silver sweeps together. 41 barrels was too great to mix conveniently together, else I should have done it.

Yours J. L. Riddell

Melter and Refiner

Enclosure

Recd. Dec. 31, 1845 from
J. M. K. Sup. B. M. N. O

Princeton Dec 19th 1845

My dear sir

I have ascertained that Richard McCulloh is now in New Orleans and that a letter through the Post office in that city will reach him

I think he would be a most excellent Person for the situation you mentioned and I hope that you will think fit to secure the appointment for him.

I have been waiting with some anxiety to learn from the papers the result of your labours in behalf of the speaking figure.

I found in conversing with some of our friends in the city on the subject that there was considerable distrust as to the genuineness of the article and a tendency to believe that the sounds were produced by a concealed person.

I should think the machine would produce a much greater sensation in England than in this country particularly if it were taken up by one of the scientific galleries in London. It will give me much pleasure

to you in any place for
assisting the inventor in bringing
his machine more prominently
before the public

With much esteem
most sincerely
Yours &c
Joseph Henry

Dr Patterson

From
Prof J. Henry
Princeton 29

Recd
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Dr Patterson
United States
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Mint U. S. Philadelphia
Dec. 18, 1848.

Sir,

From the parcel of gold scrip sent to us on the 30th ult., and received on the 9th inst., parcels of 5 oz troy each were taken and assayed with the following results.

No. 1	Gold	168 m;	Silver	145 m
No. 2	"	162 "	"	201 "

These results differ essentially from those obtained by Drs. Riddell & Hort, which were as follows.

No. 1	Gold	307 m;	Silver	335 m
" 2	"	260 "	"	340 "
" 3	"	280 "	"	260

This disagreement is exceedingly embarrassing. I cannot, with the evidence now before me, offer the sweep at your assay; and I certainly cannot offer it at ours, without further trials both at New Orleans and here.

Under these circumstances there seem to be only the following courses offered to us,

A new selection of parcels from the barrels, and re-assay at your Mint.

The selection of a Keg of sweep from the barrels, and its transmission to Philadelphia for assay here.

The shipment of the sweep to an agent at Liverpool or London, who will, as is customary there, offer the sweep to the highest bidder, after giving them of course parcels for assay. We on one occasion employed as our agents for the same object, a firm of which the present direction is "Johnson & Cock 79 Hatton Garden London" and their agency proved perfectly satisfactory

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R.M.P.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy D
Sup,
New Orleans.

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To/

Jos. M. Kennedy
Sup. Br. M.
New Orleans

Dec. 18/45.

U. S. Branch Mint

New Orleans December 20th 1845.

Sir,

I forward, by this day's mail, a box containing 11 oz of Silver Sweep from the Melting Department of our Mint, an estimate of which, together with the certificates of the Assayer, you will find enclosed. I also annex another communication from Dr. Riddell, respecting 23 barrels, from which no sample has been taken, and assigning the reason therefor. I have directed him to furnish me with one, as soon as may be, which shall be immediately sent to you –

These delays, in the sampling &c. of these sweeps, in accordance with your letter of the 5th Nov: (a copy of which was, on its receipt, taken by the Melter & Refiner) are extremely annoying to me, and I am unwilling to take upon myself any share of the blame, as I have repeatedly urged upon that officer the necessity of a compliance with your suggestions within the shortest possible period –

I ascertained, too late to remedy it, that the 11 oz of gold sweep which you have received, had been taken from that of '45 as well as '44, the two having been mixed by Dr. Riddell. I have permitted him, upon his Suggestion, to do the same with the Silver sweeps, it having been stated to me, by the Treasurer, that no confusion would thereby be created in the approaching settlement of the accounts. Thus, too, they may be all sold at once —

As you have said nothing in regard to the notice given by me to the Melter & Refiner, that he w^d be expected to deposite, at the end of the year, the estimated value of his Sweeps of '44, I am at a loss how to act. I have concluded to admit in settlement, (subject to your instructions) the estimated value, as certified by the Assayer, of all the sweeps which he may have on hand —

Respectfully
Y. ob. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Sup^t.

D^r. R. M. Patterson
Director of the
Mint U. S.
Phil^a.

P. S. M^r. Tyler having fully acquiesced in my decision with regard to "working at night", I have judged it unnecessary to trouble you with ~~regard to~~ any correspondence on the subject. Samples of his Sweeps will soon be forwarded to you —

From
Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. &c.
Recd New Orleans
Dec. 31/45. 20th

Mr. Eckfeldt's Report on the assay of the Silver Sweep.

Silver sweeps from N Orleans Decr 31st

No 1	1421 ℔	of Silver	9 ℔ Gold
2	1368 ℔	do	80 ℔ do

Branch Mint of the United States,

at New-Orleans.

ASSAYER'S OFFICE, 24 Dec 1845

I certify that I have assayed for the Melter and Refiner ~~bars of~~ *Silver* Sweep cont. g ~~bars of~~ *Gold*, and that the following is the fineness.

Wt of Sweep
9115 lb. Tr
Assay from
5 oz Tr,

No.	FINENESS OF SILVER.		
	Wt 994	Silver	Wt 6 Gold
	Therefore	944.08	Tr Oz Silver = $ 1098.56
		5.698	oz Gold = 105.99

Wm P. Hort
Assayer.

Rec'd Jan. 7 '46.

Enclosure

Branch Mint New Orleans
December 27th 1845.

J. M. Kennedy Esq. Superintendent.

Sir. Accompanying this you have a fair sample (11 ozs. troy.) taken from 9115 lbs. Av. of Silver sweep — the same alluded to in my last letter essentially. It is contained in 23 whiskey barrels weighing over and above the contained sweeps 1152 lbs. Av. Dr. Hort finds in 5oz troy of this sweep, after careful admixture 994 milligrammes of silver, and 6 ″ of gold.

It contains therefore of silver ozs stand 944.$\frac{08}{100}$ = $1.098.56
" " " Gold 5.$\frac{698}{1000}$ = 105.99

Total gross value = $1.204.55

There is 81 $\frac{43}{112}$ Cwts. — Deduction for smelting at $8, per cwt = $651.00

Net value, therefore, in stand Ozs of Silver = 475 $\frac{70}{100}$ = $553.55

Respectfully, your Obt Servt
J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner.

I certify that the statement of assay, as made by me, and the above calculations are correct — they having been verified by me

Wm P. Hort

Rec'd Jan. 7 '46.

Enclosure

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Decr. 29. 1845

Sir,

I forward, by this day's mail, the 2d Sample of Dr. Riddell's Silver Sweep – The Statement and certificates are enclosed.

Respectfully
Yr. ob Servt
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of
the Mint U. S.
Philadelphia

From

J. M. Kennedy

Supert.

New Orleans

Dec. 29 '45

Recd

Jan. 7/46.

NEW ORLEANS – 1845 (CONT.)

Branch Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans 1 Jany 1845

Sir, I have this day received through the usual channel, one pair of half dollar dies, and two half eagle dies. This completes the series, which you say in your last letter has been already forwarded.

Dr. Riddell's account with the Treasurer for the year 1844, was settled yesterday in the most satisfactory manner. His gold wastage is about as usual, & the silver considerably less than it has ever been. The assay coins for the last month will go on by the next mail.

I enclose the monthly statement for December, also the general statement of the operations at this Mint for the year 1844, & remain

very respectfully
your obt. Servt.
Wm. P. Hort
Acting Supt

Dr. R.M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
Dr Wm P. Hort
actg Supt U S Br Mint
New Orleans
Jany 1. 1845

Received " 11. "

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Melter & Refiner's account of Bullion

1844			Ounces	dec.
Decr	31	Gold. Dr.	317,212	415
		Cr.	316,474	020
		Balance	738	395
		Bullion Weighed oz: 585.555 In Grains & Sweeps 46.388 Wastage 106.452 = 0.34 ‰	738	395
		Silver. Dr.	1,817,059	62
		Cr.	1,715,322	85
		Balance	101,736	77
		Bullion Weighed oz: 99,040.04 In Grains & Sweeps 1,277.13 Wastage. 1,419.60 = 0.78 ‰	101,736	77

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's office 31 decr 1844
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acct New Orleans
Jany 2d 1845
Recd Jany 13.

General Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint, New Orleans, during the year ending the 31st December 1844

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting		Standard Weight.		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold										
Foreign Coins	157.845	48	158.931	959	2.956.873	61	2956.873	61		
Foreign Bullion	1.230	14	764	519	14.223	63	14.220	13		
U. S. Coins (Old Emt)	374	27	378	540	7.042	59	7.042	59		
U. S. Bullion	1,354	24	1.345	699	25.036	25	25.036	25		
									3.003.176	08
Silver										
Foreign Coins	1.072.935	53	1.067.024	35	1241.628	30	1241.621	13		
Foreign Bullion	16.138	12	15.726	36	18.299	75	18.287	15		
									1.259.928	05
Total Deposites for 1844.									4.263.104	13

Coinage.

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold					
Eagles	118,700	1.187,000	00		
Half Eagles.	364,600	1.823,000	00		
				3.010.000	00
Silver					
Half Dollars	2.005.000	1002.500	00		
Quarter Dollars	740.000	185.000	00		
Half Dimes.	220.000	11.000	00		
				1.198.500	00
Total Coinage for 1844				4.208.500	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office December 31st 1844.
H. C. Cammack
Treasr.

From

New Orleans Br. Mint
Annual Report 1844

Recd Jany 11. 1845

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, during the month of December 1844.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold										
Foreign Coins	6.079	62	6.164	331	114.685	23	114.685	23		
Foreign Bullion	70	53	69	651	1.295	83	1.295	83		
U.S. Coins (Old)	65	40	66	199	1.231	61	1.231	61		
U.S. Bullion	271	06	272	564	5.070	95	5.070	95		
									122,283	62
Silver										
Foreign Coins	95.271	00	94.814	98	110,330	15	110,322	98		
Foreign Bullion	1.911	60	1.937	64	2.254	71	2.252	72		
									112,584	86
					Total Deposites				$234,868	48

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold					
Half Eagles	5000	25,000	00		
				25,000	00
Silver					
Half Dollars	231,000	115,500	00		
Half Dimes	200,000	10,000	00		
				125,500	00
Total Coinage				$150,500	00

U.S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office December 31st 1844

H Cammack

From

New Orleans Br Mint

Report for Dec 1844

Recd Jany 11. 1845

Branch Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans 2 Jany 1845

Sir, With the document enclosed, I transmit a copy of a note received this morning from the Treasurer "

Sir, I hand you enclosed herein Statement of the annual account of the M&R of this Mint settled according to law, on the 31st Dec 1844 - showing a wastage -

Oz dec
of Gold of 106.452
of Silver of 1419.60

for which amounts if Satisfactory to you, warrants will be filled up for your Signature.

The settlement of the Coiner's acct at the request of Mr Brooks Acting Coiner, who stated that he was not quite ready, was continued over to the 1st inst for his accommodation (with as I understood your Sanction) - but he informed me by Note yesterday, that instructions rec from Mr Tyler would prevent him from proceeding - In a note this morning he proposes to settle on Monday next. but I have no authority to make this postponement I have informed him so.

Signed
A. C. Cammack

To Dr Hort

Three days before the close of the late year, I directed the M&R to offer no more ingots, & the Acting Coiner to receive none, that both might have full time to prepare for the annual Settlement, & be able to settle within the time required by law. I did consent to postpone the Coiner's Settlement until the next day (1 Jan) as the day was far advanced before the Settlement with the M&R was concluded, & as the acting Coiner said he was not quite ready, I had however full confidence that the acting Coiner would proceed with the Settlement early on the 1st Jany — but to my great surprise & mortification I received the following note early that morning —

Jan 1 — 1845 N. O.

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Dr Sir I regret exceedingly to be compelled to state to you that I have received a letter from Mr Tyler debarring me from even preparing for an annual Settlement, as you will see by an extract which I give below

Dr Hort
Actg Supt.

(Signed) John Brooks
Actg Coiner

— and you must not prepare for an annual Settlement until I come — "

To which note I replied as follows -

" Sir I have recd your note in which you state that you have received instructions from Mr Tyler not even to prepare for an annual settlement until he comes. To relieve myself from responsibility, and to discharge what I conceive to be my duty, I now instruct you to proceed with the least possible delay, not only to prepare for said settlement but to do all in your power to have it closed at the earliest moment practicable

(Signed) Wm P. Hort
Actg Supt

1 Jan 1845

Mr. Jno Brooks
Actg Coiner "

Mr. Brooks observed to me this morning that he will proceed with all possible despatch to make the settlement, & I hope to be able soon to inform you that it has been accomplished in a satisfactory manner, as until that time the operations of the Mint must remain suspended -

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Wm P. Hort
Actg Supt

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the US Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. Mr. Brooks request me to add, that he will follow my instructions, unless they should be countermanded by higher authority. I confess I am at a loss to comprehend what he means—

Wm. P. H

From
Dr. Wm. P. Hort
actg Supt. Branch Mint
New-Orleans
Jany 2d 1845

Recd 〃 13. 〃

Branch Mint of the US
New Orleans 4 Jany 1845

Sir,

Believing that you must be anxious to hear that the Acting Coiner has made his annual settlement as required by law, I have now the pleasure to inform you that on my arrival at the Mint this evening, Dr Riddell informed me that the said settlement had been completed this afternoon & that he understood it was satisfactory

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm P. Hort
Actg Supt

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U S Mint
Philadelphia

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From Dr Wm P. Hort
Actg Supt. N. Orleans Br Mint
Jany 4. 1845
Recd " 16. "

Branch Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans 4 Jany 1845

Sir, I acknowledge the rect. of two test half dollar dies.

I regret to inform you that the acting Coiner has not yet commenced his annual Settlement with the Treasurer. I have every reason to believe that the adjustment of the accounts of that department will be satisfactory, yet I cannot but regret the delay, as being contrary to law.

Sec: 29; page 13, of the Act of Congress approved the 18th Jany 1837 - It is enacted that "once at least every year," a settlement shall be made between the Coiner & Treasurer. The Director has authority to call for a Settlement when he may deem it necessary any time during the current year, but should he not direct it before the 31st of December, it is clear that the Act of Congress then positively requires it.

Hence it was that notwithstanding Mr Brooks had Mr Tyler's orders not even to prepare for the annual Settlement, until his arrival, that I, as acting Superintendent directed him on the 1st Jan to proceed immediately to discharge his duty under the law.

Mr Brooks expected to receive a letter from some one which would authorize him to defer the settlement until Mr Tyler's arrival, but I was, & am still of opinion that a law of Congreſs can only be suspended, or modified, or repealed by the same body that enacted it. Another great evil that results from the non compliance with the law in question, is that the operations of the Mint are for the time being, completely suspended, & consequently more or leſs of the public money is wasted.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Jno P. Hort
Acting Supt

Dr R M Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Washington January 4th 1845.

Sir

The question of the residence in the Mint at N.O. has been decided in my favor, and I have obtained from the Secretary of the Treasury, an order for its immediate relinquishment to me, on my application. In accordance with your suggestion, I spoke to Mr. Slidell, upon the subject of the request, made by Mr. Peiault. He is opposed to it, not only, because he thinks, that any attempt to increase the Salary would be unsuccessful, but also on the ground of its sufficiency, as it now stands.
I leave Washington, on my return home, tomorrow morning, by way of Wheeling, having understood that the Ohio is open, and in good condition. Permit me, Sir, upon closing this letter, once more to express the very high gratification I have derived, from a personal acquaintance with you, and to acknowledge the obligation under which I have been placed, by the reception I met with, at your hands, during my recent visit to Philadelphia.

With the utmost respect
Yr obt Servant
J M Kennedy
Sup. U.S.B. Mint at
New Orleans.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director Mint U.S.
Philada.

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint of the
U. S.
Philadelphia

From
Joseph M. Kennedy
Supt. of New Orleans Branch Mint
Washington,
Jan. 4/45.
Recd. 6th.

Mint U. S.
June 6. 1845.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending to you, by the present mail, a box of dies directed, on the inner envelope, to the Supt. of the Br. Mint at New Orleans, which I beg you to forward under your frank, as heretofore.

R. M. P.
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To/
R. J. Walker,
Sec. of Treas.

To
Sec. of Treasury.

June 6. 1845.

Philadelphia Jan. 6th 1845

Dear Sir

When I forwarded to Mr Kennedy. the consent of the Secretary to his coming north. I was under the impression that we should both be in New Orleans again by the first of Jan. or soon after. I consequently wrote to Mr Kennedy that I hoped he would leave orders that the annual settlement of my department might be defered untill our arrival, At the same time I wrote to Mr Brooks that he need not take any unnecessary trouble to understand the mode of making the settlement. as I had written to Mr K. to have it postponed untill our arrival. but it appears by a letter from Mr Brooks dated Dec. 26th. that Mr Kennedy neglected to say any thing concerning my request. to Dr. Hort. & Mr Brooks acting upon the supposition that the matter was arranged for deferring the settlement. had not prepared the sweeps & bullion for that purpose. and states that he shall not do so without my instruction. My principle reason for wishing the settlement defered was on account of the condition of my sweeps, which has been accumulating for several years. or since the commencement of operations. but has all been rewashed since our last settlement and I was anxious to prepare it for shipment. but before doing so wished to have it carefully mixed & assayed again. another reason was that I wished to receive my department from Mr Brooks under the same settlement. & I knew that the day of settlement could by law be fixed by the Director &c. I hope no misunderstanding has taken place between Dr Hort & Mr Brooks. but I presume Mr Brooks has refused to settle the account, unless by Dr Horts persuasion & assistance he has been prevailed upon to do it.

I beg you will inform Dr Hort of the circumstances which have caused Mr Brooks to refuse to make the settlement and in case the settlement is not made, that it may now be deferred untill my arrival. I intend to start tomorrow. I received a letter from Mr Kennedy to day stating that he had been entirely successfull with Mr Bibble in getting his house & that he should leave to day for Wheeling — Packing our machinery has been a tedious job but I think we shall have all ready to go by the Aleghany on Wednesday — — We require for the repairs of our annealing furnace about 300 philadelphia fire bricks — can they not be sent at once? also a few quires of emory paper — There are now no bills against the press except a small one which Mr Agnew will have for packing & the men employed to do it —

Sincerely Yours

R. B. Tyler
Coin

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Director.

From/ R. B. Tyler
(Comr N. Orleans Br Mint)
Philada Jan 6. 1845.

Recd Jany 7. 1845

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Branch Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans 6 Jan 1845

Sir,

I now enclose you the settlement of the Acting Coiner, as furnished me by the Treasurer.

The Gold wastage of the Melter & Refiner was 106.452 oz but in the Coining Department the wastage is 115.115 oz. The Treasurer informs me that it is some oz. less than it was last year (1843), & as the Superintendent then signed the warrants, I could see no sufficient reason for my declining to do so on the present occasion. I cannot however comprehend how the wastage on Gold should be greater in the Coining, than in the Melting department; as the Act of Congress evidently contemplates the reverse, in as much as the allowance for wastage on Gold in the Melting ~~department~~ exceeds that in the Coining department.

Very respectfully
Wm. P. Hort
Act.g Supt

Dr R M Patterson Pa
Director U.S. Mint

From/
Dr. Wm P. Hort
actg Supt. U.S. Br. Mint
New orleans
Jany 6. 1845
Received " 16. "

Coiner's Account of Bullion.

1844				Ounces	dec
Decr	31	**Gold.** **Dr**		310,431	377
		Cr		309,977	700
		Balance		453	677
		Bullion Weighed	oz 334.127		
		In Sweeps	4.435		
		Wastage	115.115	453	677
		=0.37 th=			
		Silver. **Dr**		1.735,408	78
		Cr		1.732,960	92
		Balance.		2.447	86
		Bullion Weighed	oz 1.939.34		
		In Sweeps	109.72		
		Wastage	398.80	2.447	86
		=0.23 th			

New Orleans 31 decr 1844
H C Cammack
Treasurer

Statemt. Coiners acct with
the Treasurer - Br Mint
New Orleans
Jany 6th 1845
Recd " 16 "

Branch Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans 7 Jany 1845

Sir

By this morning's mail, I have to acknowledge the receipt of two pair half eagle dies, two tail half eagle dies, & two tail dimes, & remain

Very respectfully
Your obt St.
Wm P. Hort
Acting Supt

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From Dr. Wm. P. Hort
acting Supt. U.S. Br. Mint
New Orleans
Jany 7. 1845
Received " 17. "

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 8th, 1845.

Sir,

When, on the 14th of November last, I sent to the Department the estimates for the Mint and Branches for the fiscal year 1845-46, I mentioned that I had not received, ~~from New Orleans,~~ the grounds of the estimate presented to me by the New Orleans Branch. I have since received ~~it~~ this document from the Treasury, and revised it, with the Superintendent, on his late visit here. I am, therefore, now enabled to lay it before you.

It requires a slight modification in one of the items of the estimate heretofore presented, as it justifies a reduction of the estimate for Contingent expenses from $28,000, to $27,350. I send you, therefore, a new estimate with this correction.

R. M. Patterson,
Dir.

To/ Hon. Geo. M. Bibb,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Hon. Geo. M Bibb
Sec of the Treasy
Jany 8. 1845

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Grounds for the Estimates of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1846.

Estimated Means & Expenses for the 4th qr. 1844, & the 1st & 2d qrs. 1845:

Probable means.

1.	Available balance in Treas.r hands, Sept. 30, '44, per Ord. Ledger,		$ 6,757.49
2.	Appropriations undrawn, still available,		46,200."
3.	Estimated legal deductions from deposites, to June 30, 1845		250."
	Total of Means, – –		$53,207.49

Probable expenses.

1.	Salaries of Officers & Clerks to June 30, 1845	$9,675.00	
2.	Wages of Workmen " " " "	14,800."	
3.	Wastage of the whole year 1844,	6,000."	
4.	Other Inc. & Cont. Exps.	15,500."	
5.	Machinery & Machinists including $4000 specially appropriated for extraordinary expenses under this head, – ~~$2000 from balance not for~~	~~4,500~~ 6,000	
	Total of Expenses, – –		51,975 ~~$50,475~~

Difference, being the probable excess of Means over Expenses, which must be deducted from the appropriations for the next fiscal year — $ 1,232.49 ~~2,732.49~~

All the Expenses of the Current fiscal year (ending June 30, 1845,) may be set down at $60,750." with a coinage of Four Millions. Assuming that an

equal amount of Coinage will be effected in the year following, We must estimate as the Expenses of the year ending June 30, 1846, including Wastage of the whole year 1845, & an additional sum of $5000 for repairs & new machinery which have become necessary, —		60,750.—
Subtracting therefrom:		
1. Balance remaining June 30, 1845, as per foregoing statement, — — — — — — —	$~~2,732.49~~ 1,232.49	
2. Estimated legal deductions from deposits during the year (1845-6,) — — say	267.51	1,500.— ~~3,000.—~~
Total amount required, as per estimates, —		$59,250

Grounds of Estimates
for N. Orleans Br Mint
for fiscal yr ending June
30. 1846.

Jany 8. 1845

Corrected Estimate of the Expenses of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1846.

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks, viz.	Dolls.	Dolls.
The Superintendent,	2500	
The Treasurer,	2000	
The Coiner,	2000	
The Assayer,	2000	
The Melter & Refiner,	2000	
Two Clerks, at $1200 each,	2400	
		12,900.
For Wages of Workmen, ---		19,000.
For Incidental & contingent expenses, including fuel, materials, stationery, water-rent, repairs, wastage, -- -- -- -- -- --	22,350	
For Machinery & Machinists, --	5,000	
		27,350.
Total		59,250.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 8, 1846.

Corrected Estimate for
N. O. Br. Mint for the
fiscal yr endg June 30' 46

Jany 8. 1845

Mint U.S. Jan 8/45.

Sir,

I have duly received your letters, acknowledging the receipt of dies, up to that of the 28th ult., which came to hand this morning.

Mr. Kennedy left Washington for New Orleans on the 4th inst.; and Mr. Tyler set out, on his return, yesterday.

Mr. Tyler expressed some uneasiness as to the settlement of his wastage account, principally on the ground that there might be an erroneous estimate of his sweep. He desired me to mention to you, that the portion on hand, at the former settlements, had been since re-washed, and a ~~portion~~ part of the silver and gold separated from it, so that a new assay is rendered necessary, and this will require a new mixing of the sweep. ~~that it be again carefully mixed~~. I cannot suppose, however, that his presence is necessary for this purpose; and no ~~excuse~~ cause, not absolutely imperative, ought to be allowed to delay the settlement of the wastage accounts.

R.M.P.

Dr

To

Dr. Wm. P. Hort,
Acting Superintendent Br. Mint
New Orleans.

To/ Dr Wm P. Hort
Acting Supt New Orleans
Branch Mint
New Orleans
Jany 8. 1845

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Branch Mint of the Us
New Orleans 10th Jany 1845

Sir, Since my last of the 7th inst.,
the following dies have been received,

two tail Dime dies
2 pair 1/4 eagle dies.

Respectfully
your obt. Servt
Wm. P. Hort
Acting Supt.

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From/ Dr. Wm. P. Hort
Acting Supt. Branch Mint
New Orleans
January 10. 1845
Received " 20. "

Pd

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

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(Private)

Dear Sir

It is my desire with the aid of your good services to make the mint as efficient as possible in increasing the coin of the country & especially such coin as is least likely to be exported.

What is the maximum of work can be done by you per month as to amount & number of pieces. Please write to me on this subject as also in regard to the B. Mt at N. Orleans - when & how is it most easy to get bullion?

Yrs truly

R. J. Walker

Jan 12. 1845

Dr R. M Patterson

From
Secy. of Treasury.
June 12/45
Recd. 13th.

Private

Branch Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans 13 Jany 1845

Sir,

I have this day received 1 pair of half dime dies – two tail quarter eagle dies, & two tail half dime dies – which completes the series detailed in your communication of the 20th ulto, & which I shall now recapitulate.

of eagle dies 3 pair
" half eagle dies 4 pair
" quart. eagle dies 4 pair

of half dollar dies 4 pair
" quart dollar dies 4 pair
" Dime —— dies 4 pair
" half dime dies. 5 heads & 3 tails.

The above accords with your statement, & with the record of the Acting Coiner.

Very respectfully
Your ob. Servt
Wm P. Hort
Acting Supt.

Dr R. M. Patterson
(Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia)

(Treas)

Dr. Wm. P. Hort.

Actg Supt. N. Orleans Mint.

Jan. 13/45.

Recd. 24th.

Mint of the United States
Jan. 13th, 1845.

Sir,

I have the satisfaction to acknowledge the receipt of your ~~communications~~ letter and reports of the 1st inst., and have to thank you for ~~the promptitude~~ your punctuality. It enables me to send in my annual report today. I have also received the package of assay coins announced by you, and have just opened your letter of the 2d inst.

I am glad to find that I have anticipated, in my letter to you of the 8th inst., the course which I judged proper to be pursued in the case of the Coiner's Sweep, and which corresponds to that taken by you in your note to Mr. Brooks of the 1st. ~~inst.~~ ~~Mr. Tyler's choice~~ ~~for~~ The ground of Mr. Tyler's difficulty, as explained to me, was a perfectly legitimate one, but it presented no sufficient reason for delaying "a preparation for settlement." Mr. Brooks could have had the Sweep mixed and you could have assayed it, as well without Mr. Tyler, as with him; and, in my interview with him on this subject, he accorded with me in this opinion.

~~Dr. Riddell's wastage account~~

I have been much pleased to find Dr. Riddell's wastage account so promptly settled. It must be observed, however, that the true balance cannot be definitively known until the sweep is actually sold; and I hope, therefore, that no delay will be allowed in making arrangements for this sale. Our ~~meth~~ course now, is to present specimens of the mixed sweep to the Smelters here and in New York, ~~and~~ to receive their proposals, and to take the most favorable, — the amount payable in advance. By this means, Dr. McClintock was enabled to make his settlement, this year, without introducing any item of mere estimate.

I am struck with the amount of gold wastage in the Melter's department of your Mint as compared with ours, where there has been no wastage reported ~~for~~ since the close of the year 1836.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant
R. M. P.
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To/
Dr. Wm. P. Hort
Acting Superintendent
of Branch Mint at New Orleans.

To/
Dr. Wm. P. Hort
Actg Supt. of Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Jan. 13/45.

Mint U.S.
Jan. 15 / 45.

Sir,

~~I send by~~ you have here a bill of lading of the New Press &c. —

I have thought it prudent to effect an insurance upon it, and have accordingly ~~insured it~~ done so for $5000; which at 1¼ per cent. & policy cost $75.00

The Allegheny sailed on the 11th inst. We also shipped in her 300 fire bricks, and 4 quires of emery paper, packed up by Mr. Agnew with the machinery.

R.M.P.
Dr

To
Jos. M. Kennedy Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

Lr/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Jan. 15/45.

Mint of the United States
January 16, 1845.

Sir,

I have recd this morning your letter of the 4th of 6th inst., with a copy of the Settlemt of the Coiner's acct for the past year. My previous correspondence, – not recent only, but of old date, – has shown my very decided opinion that these settlements ought never to be delayed.

I look upon Mr Tyler's acct as entirely satisfactory. Our experience, since the passage of the act of Jany 18, 1837, has shown that the gold wastage of the Coiner always exceeds that of the Melter. Indeed, it is some years, (as I have already informed you) since the Melter has sustained any loss on his gold operations.

Mr Peale's gold wastage, in the last year, amounted to 0.32 ℔: Mr Tyler's, as reported, is 0.34 ℔: a coincidence which seems to confirm both. – Mr Tyler's silver wastage, which is but 0.23 ℔, is very small; being less than one-third of that sustained in the Melter's department, viz 0.78 ℔. It is also considerably less than Mr Peal's.

As this is probably the last communication which I shall make to you in your present capacity of Acting Superintendent, I beg leave to express my entire satisfaction with the prompt and efficient manner in which, as far as I can judge from our correspondence, you have discharged the important duties entrusted to you.

Very respy
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R.M.P.
Director

To/ Dr Wm P. Hort
Acting Supt. U.S. Br Mint
New Orleans

To/ Dr. Wm. P. Hort
Act'g Supt. U.S. Br. Mint
New Orleans
Jany 16. 1845

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Branch Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans 24 Jany 1845

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst, but as Mr Kennedy has arrived, I deem it proper to refer the subject under discussion of scrap & wastage to him, and remain

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Wm P. Hort
Assayer

Dr R.M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
Dr Wm. P. Hort
Assayer Br. Mint,
N. Orleans.
Jan. 24/45.

Recd. Feb. 5.

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 25/45.

Sir,

I received yesterday, a letter from Dr. Hunt, of the 17th inst., acknowledging the receipt of certain dies, and recapitulating the ~~series, as are named in my letter of the 20th ulto.~~ entire series ~~received~~ that had come to hand. We have compared it with our books, and find it to correspond, so that we have the satisfaction of knowing that there has been no failure in the transmissions of the dies.

R. M. P.
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Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans

To/ Joseph M. Kennedy
Supt. U.S. Br. Mint
New Orleans
January 25. 1845

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Feb 1. 1845.

Sir,

I enclose statement of our deposites and coinage, during the last month.

Dr. Hort having, some days ago, informed you of my arrival, I thought it unnecessary to make that fact alone, the subject of a communication from myself. Having, since then, looked into the manner in which I have been represented in the Mint, during my absence, I congratulate myself upon having placed the duties of my Office in such good hands, and am happy that they have been discharged so entirely to your satisfaction.

It is the intention of the Melter and Refiner, to prepare immediately samples of his sweep, to be sent ~~immediately~~ ~~to~~ to Philada and New York. He also thinks of sending a specimen of it to England, being of opinion, that it can be disposed of, there, to better advantage. Dr. Riddell shd no doubt have every opportunity of selling his sweep on the most favorable terms, but it appears to me, that should be, after receiving proposals from the North, determine not to part with it, until after the receipt of Offers from England, too much time must necessarily elapse before his account can be finally closed. Under these circumstances, do you require him to deposite, with the Treasurer, the amount at which it has been estimated. I ask this question, because your remarks to Dr. Hort of the 13th ulto. in relation to this Sweep, leave me in doubt upon that point -

Your surprise in regard to the gold Wastage of the Melter and Refiner here, as compared with your's, has been communicated to that officer - In reply he says - "The only special cause which I can assign, as having apparently increased our Wastage of gold, is this, that the Treasurer has made a less allowance for dirt on foreign coins (of which our gold has mainly consisted) by an average of $\frac{15}{100}$ of an oz, in 1000 oz, than what he was formerly accustomed to make"

Our new press has arrived - Mr. Tyler, who got home last week, has asked for an enlargement of the Coining room in order to make place for it, and says - "I have discussed the measure with Dr. Patterson and Mr. Peale, who

" are well acquainted with the position of the
" rooms, and the objects to be attained, and they agree
" with me, that this alteration in the building, is the
" best that can be adopted, for the convenience and
" improvement of my department." Among these
objects is the removal of the Machine Shop to
the upper story. As this plan cannot be carried
out without taking down one of the walls from
the top, I have directed Mr Tyler to have an
examination made, by some competent Architect,
the object of which is to ascertain, whether it can
be executed, without endangering the solidity of
the building -

Mr Cammack is to give me possession
of my apartments in ten or twelve days.

Very respectfully
Yr ob. Servt

Supt

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director Mint U.S.
Philada

From Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.
Feb. 1. 1845.
Recd. " 12. "

(Jan. Report.)

February 1845

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the month of January 1845.

Deposites.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting Ounces	dec	Standard Weight Ounces	dec	Value before Deductions Dollars	Cts	Value after Deductions Dollars	Cts	Total Value before deductions Dollars	Cts
Gold										
Foreign Coins.	410	38	401	811	7.475	57	7.475	57		
Foreign Bullion.	31	97	20	829	387	52	387	52		
U.S. Bullion.	306	38	292	622	5.444	11	5.444	11		
									13.307	20
Silver										
Foreign Coins	166.276	70	165.583	55	192.679	03	192.668	42		
Foreign Bullion	364	25	325	77	379	08	377	87		
									193.058	11
					Total Deposites				$206.365	31

Coinage.

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value Dollars	Cts	Total Value Dollars	Cts
Gold					
Half Eagles.	23.000	115.000	00		
				115.000	00
Silver					
Half Dollars	200.000	100.000	00		
				100.000	00
	Total Coinage.			$215.000	00

U.S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office January 31st. 1845.
H C Cammack
Jr.

Recd. Feb. 12. '45.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans February 4th 1845

Sir,

Mr Tyler informs me, that "four head ½ dollar dies are wanted, to match the tails on hand." Will you be kind enough, to send them to us?

It is now understood in our Mint, that hereafter, the men are to be regularly paid off, at the end of every month, and I have signified my wish, to receive, as nearly as possible, at the same period, the monthly statements of our deposites and Coinage — Your's of the 25th ult. has been recd.

I am
very respectfully
Y. ob. Servt
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia

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(From) Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq,
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
(Feb. 4/45.
Recd. 15th.

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Feb'y 7th 1845

Sir

In a letter, which I received on the 2nd day of November last, from the Treasurer of this Institution, upon the Subject of the residence in this Mint, which you have ordered him to relinquish to me, upon my application, the said Treasurer uses the following words

"And now he (speaking of Dr Patterson) having declined to act, and "having recommended a reference to the Secretary of the Treasury, I shall "be glad to find that you have asked his opinion, which I am not disposed "to attempt to retard or influence"

On my return from Washington, I found a letter from the same officer, in which he says that he will cheerfully comply with your directions, as soon as he can find a house suitable for the accomodation of his family; and again, a few days ago, I received another communication from him, in which he fixes the 10th of the present month, as the day on which I can commence moving, and adds that I can have possession of the whole premises by the 12th or 15th. I had made all my arrangements accordingly for giving up the house I at present occupy, and anticipating no opposition, had caused many articles to be removed and deposited in my office, as they could not there interfere with him.

Under such circumstances, I was not a little surprized, at receiving this morning for the first time, the information, that Mr Cammack had expressed to you his regret at not having been allowed a hearing in the case, and had, some days ago, without any notice to me, sent to the Department a communication, in which he urges the grounds upon which he should be allowed to retain possession of the Building in question. I know not

Sir, what those grounds are, but the only position he can take, having the semblance of anything like plausibility, is, that to his office, is attached a large pecuniary responsibility. I hope, on that point, to satisfy you, and now beg leave to lay my case before you.

1st I had the honor of submitting to you, personally, a certificate from the Chief Coiner of the Philadelphia Mint, (Mr. Peale) who planned the building, shewing that the apartments occupied by Mr. Cammack, were designed by him, in consultation with the Director, as a residence for the Superintendent, and that the original drawings of the Architect had been altered accordingly

2ndly, Mr. Bradford, my predecessor, occupied those apartments during his administration of the affairs of our Mint, embracing a period, I think of upwards of two years.

3rdly, When, at the time of my appointment, I permitted Mr. Cammack to take possession of them, it was without consulting either the Director or the ~~the~~ Secretary of the Treasury, and the only authority which he recd. to that effect, was confer'd upon him by myself alone. I have consequently never been divested of my right to the Residence, and should be at liberty to call on him for it, at any moment.

4thly I do not consider the pecuniary risk of the Treasr. as equal to that either of the Melter & refiner, or the Coiner. As all the Bullion that is brought to the Mint, is intended for Coinage, and must be first melted & cast into ingots, it remains much longer in the hands of the two Officers last named, than in those of the former. He has a large Government fund, the object of which, is to enable him to pay off deposits with promptness, and there is really no necessity for ~~them~~ their remaining any considerable time in his vaults. In the Philadelphia mint, whose business, until the last year, has always been much larger than ours, there are no residences at all for any of the Officers. Our Mint is *well guarded*, and the Argument of Mr. Cammack, based upon his pecuniary responsibility, is deprived of all its force, by the fact, that during the whole of our Suspension last Summer which continued about three Months, with a heavy amount, necessarily remaining in his vaults as we were not coining, *he* was absent from the City, & his residence in the Mint deserted.

5thly Experience, has shewn me, that my having given up to the Treasurer the apartments designed by the Director, for the Supt., has had a tendency to diminish, not only in the minds of many persons doing business with us, but even in the eyes of some of the Subordinates employed in the Mint, the importance of the Office which I hold. I can not be in it, as long, nor as often, thro' the day, as I would wish, and the consequence has been, that in some *instances*, authority has been exercised by others, properly belonging to myself alone

I think it my duty to state in conclusion, that when I mentioned to the Director, that I had permitted the Treasurer to take possession of my apartments, he replied, that he thought I had done the Institution a Service. This reply deprived me of no portion of my right, and I now have cause, I think, to believe, that in making that remark, Dr. Patterson's intention was only to shew that he had no disposition to find fault with what I had done. When I saw him in Philadelphia he appeared to attach much weight to the 5th ground taken by me in this letter

After offering you Sir, an apology, for the length of this Communication, I hope that I have satisfied you of the importance ~~and~~

Recd. Feb. 24. '45.

and propriety of these apartments being occupied by the Head of the mint, and that your Order, for their immediate re=linquishment to me, will be made absolute

I am very respectfully
Yr Obt Servant
(Signed) Jos. M. Kennedy Supt.

Hon Geo. M Bibb
Secy. of the Treay

Recd. 24 Feb. 45.

U. S. Branch Mint N. Orleans
February 8. 1845

To Dr. Wm. P. Hort

My dear Sir,

1° I recd. on the 2nd day of November last, a letter from Mr. Cammack, upon the subject of the residence in the Mint, in which he uses the following language:

> „ And now he (Speaking of Dr. Patterson) having decli-
> „ ned to act, and having recommended a reference to
> „ the Secretary of the Treasury, I shall be glad to
> „ find, that you have asked his opinion which I
> „ am not disposed to attempt to retard, or influenc

2° He has had, since about one month, an order to relinquish the premises to me, on my application.

3° On my return from Washington, I found a letter from the same gentleman, in which he says, that he will cheerfully give up the premises, as soon as he can find a suitable house for the accommodation of his family,

4° and, a few days ago, he fixes the 10th of this month, as the day on which some of the apartments will be at my disposal, and says, that by the 12th or 15th, or sooner, if possible, I shall have possession of the balance, he having made arrangements to move from the Mint by that time

5.° I have made my arrangements, ~~to~~ vacate the House I now occupy.

6.° I have rec.d no official notice, that the order within refer'd to, has been reversed, or that its execution has been suspended –

7.° I understand, that the delay now asked for by Mr. Cammack, is for the purpose of defeating my right to get the residence, on the day fixed by himself, or at any other period.

Upon a review of these facts I am surprized at the request communicated to me yesterday thro' you, and can see nothing to justify my acquiescence.

I am very Sincerely
Y.r ob. Servant
Signed Jno. M. Hannay
Sup.t

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Feb 15. 1845

Sir,

Three or four days ago, Dr. Hort called on me with this meſsage from Mr. Cammack; that when he recd. the order from Mr. Bibb to give up the apartments in the Mint to the Superintendent, he had replied, "that he would cheerfully do so, as soon as he could find a house in which to accommodate his family, adding his regret at not having been allowed a hearing. That he had subsequently recd. a letter from Mr. Slidell, who said, that in a casual conversation with the Secretary upon the question at issue, the latter had stated, that he did not consider his order to Mr. Cammack as a peremptory one, but more in the light of a "rule to shew cause", that he had accordingly written, and that, as he expected soon to get an answer, it might save expense on both sides to suspend moving in the mean time -

As you stated to me, on the day on which I left Philadelphia, that you felt an interest in this question of the residence, altho' you would not interfere, I now send you copies of two letters of mine, written recently, under the foregoing circumstances.

Mr Cammack ~~yesterday~~ informed me two or three days ago, that the house had been vacated by him, in conformity to instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, and if I could look upon this matter as closed, I would not now trouble you, in this way, but having reason to believe, that it is the intention of Mr C. to revive it, under the coming administration, it is my wish, to apprize you of every move that is made in it, as there is a possibility of its being ultimately refer'd to you -

I am very respectfully
Yr obedt Servant
J M Kennedy
Supt.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philada

From/ Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Feb. 15. 1845.
Recd. " 24. —

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Feb. 18, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, enclosing a ~~communicat~~ copy of a communication from the Attorney of ~~the United States~~ for the District of Louisiana, on the subject of certain counterfeits of gold coins which have lately been found in circulation.

2. I shall immediately send a copy of Mr Durant's letter to the Superintendent ~~of the New Orleans Mint~~, and request that he communicate to me his views on the subject.

1. Mr. C. C. Lyon, on whose evidence rests the suspicion that the counterfeits may have been coined at the New Orleans Mint, was a workman discharged from that Mint in April last.

R.M.P.
D—

To
McClintock Young, Esq.
Acting Sec. of Tr.

To/
McC. Young, Esq.
Acting Sec. of Treasury.
Feb. 18/48.

Branch Mint of the U.S.-
New Orleans 1st March 1845

Sir.

In the absence of Mr Kennedy, the Supt. of this Branch Mint, it has again become my duty to acknowledge the receipt of four head half dollar dies.

Very respectfully
Your most Obt. Servt.
Wm. P. Hort
Actg Supt.

Dr. R M Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From Dr. Wm. P. Hort,
Acting Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
March 1. 1865
Recd. " 11.

Branch Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans 3 March 1845.

Sir, Enclosed you will find the monthly Statement of deposites & coinage for February. The assay coins will be forwarded in a day or two.

very respectfully
Your most Obt Servt.
Wm P. Hort.
Actg. Supt.

Dr R. M Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From /
Dr. Wm. P. Hort,
Actg Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
March 3. 1845
Recd. — 13. —

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, during the month of February 1845.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Groſs Weight after Melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dolls.	Cts	Dolls.	Cts	Dolls	Cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	1.902	421	1,894	689	35,250	03	35,250	03		
Foreign Bullion	46	39	18	698	347	87	347	87		
U.S. Bullion	191	56	185	229	3.446	11	3,446	11		
									39.044	01
Silver.										
Foreign Coins	44.203	75	44.023	33	51.227	15	51.223	65		
Foreign Bullion	2.149	64	2.057	78	2.394	50	2.383	71		
									53.621	65
					Total Deposites				$ 92,665	66

Coinage

Denominations	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dolls.	Cts	Dolls	Cts
Gold.					
Half Eagles.	8.000	40.000	00		
				40.000	00
Silver.					
Half Dollars.	324.000	162.000	00		
				162.000	00
	332,000				
	Total Coinage			$ 202.000	00

U.S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office February 28th 1845.
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer.

Recd. Mar. 13, '45.

15,000 — 15,116.50
10,000 — 10,076.80
9057.92
5045.46
30,228.60
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916
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$7.55 on $1000.

Mar. 3, '35	For building		$200,000.	
" " '37	Expenses for year '37		18,600.	
July 7 '38	Mach.y Incidentals for 3 Bldh $2,800.			
Mar 3 '39	Expenses for year		57,100.	
May 8 '40	" "		52,000.	
"			54,000 ?	
May 18 '42	Expenses salaries repairs		17,400	
Aug. 26 " "	Expenses		15,000	
Dec. 24 " " ~~42~~			24,450	56,850
Mar 3 .43	Expenses		47,900	
June 17 '44	Expenses &c		53,900	
" " "	Arrearages of Incidentals		10,000	63,900
Mar. 3 '45	Expenses &c		54,900	
			$599,250	
	Add		15,500	
			96,500	
	Cost of Building	200,000	13,000	
		96,500	12,900	
		15,500		
		$312,000	$737,150	

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List of
Appropriations to
New Orleans Mint

March 3d 1845

Washington City March 7. 1845

Sir,

By the advice of my friends, I have come to this city, to defeat, if I can, two applications which are about being put in, for my office, leaving Dr. Hort again in my place - Having made up my mind to take this step, but one day previous to my departure, (which was on the 26th ult.) the short time I allowed myself for preparation, did not admit of my giving you the information before I left N. Orleans - I hope that in three or four days, I will be enabled to return with my mind perfectly at rest, and will write you again from this place -

I am very respectfully
Yr. obt. Servant
J M Kennedy
Supt
U. S. B. Mint N. Orls

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
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Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint
of the U. S.

Philadelphia –

March 1845

From Jos. M. Kennedy
Washington D.C.
March 7. }
Recd. " 8 } 1845.

Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office Mar: 10 1845

Sir

Before Mr Kennedy left for Washington City he left in this office for my perusal a letter from you giving the result of the annual assay of the coinage of the Mints of the U. States for the past year. and a memorandum of your account with me for the coins sent from this Mint for assay.

Mr Guirault omitted to take a copy of that part relating to our accounts and I write to ask you to do me the favor to render me an account current on receipt of the present in order that I may include the transaction in my accounts for the present quart.

Applications have been made at this office to receive dimes and half dimes of the coinage of the U. S. in deposite to be recoined into coins of a larger denomination; this which we have heretofore declined. but there are so many of these small coins held in the city and being so very inconvenient for the purposes of trade. I beg to consult you as to whether it would be proper to receive them on deposite to be received as stated.

With great respect I am Sir
your obt Servant
H C Cammack
Treasurer

To

Doctor R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

From
H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer of Br. Mint
New Orleans
March 10 / 45.

Recd. 20th.

Washington March 10th 1845

Sir,

Permit me to avail myself of your presence in this City, to ask your concurrence in two improvements, which I am desirous of making at the Mint in New Orleans.

On the principal front of the Building, there are three iron gates, one of which is entirely unnecessary. This last I propose to remove to the railing which faces the Eastern Wing, immediately opposite the entrance to the residences occupied by the Supt. and Coiner. Besides the fact, that no possible inconvenience to the public can arise from this arrangement, there will be, on one side, but two gates to guard, instead of three, and on the other, the spot to which I propose to make this removal, is within the Station which has been assigned to one of the members of the Night Watch.

The other improvement consists in an outside balcony, to be attached to the two dwellings above mentioned - Our climate, during nearly half the year is exceedingly oppressive, and considering the trifling cost at which the work, (which would greatly modify its influence) can be performed, I trust it will receive your Sanction –

The entire expense, attending the execution of what is herein submitted for your consideration, would not exceed two hundred dollars.

I am very respectfully
Sir
Y. ob^t Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Sup^t.
U. S. B. M. N. O.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.

From Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. N. O. Br. Mint,
Washington D. C.
March 10. } 1845.
Recd. " 13. }

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint of the
U. S. at Phila.

Washington.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans. March 15. 1845

Sir

I have put into the post office, today, a tin box containing the Coins reserved at this Mint during the months of January and February for the annual assay. a list of which will be found annexed. The box is directed to you under Cover to the Honorable The Secretary of the Treasury. and I will be glad to learn that it reaches you in safety

very sincerely
Your mo obst St
H Cammack
Treasurer

To
Dr R. M. Patterson
Director
U.S. Mint

Gold & Silver Coins reserved for Aſsaying at the Branch Min at New Orleans during the months of January & February 184

1845		Gold.	Dolls	cts
Jany	31	23. Half Eagles	115	00
Feby	28	8. Ditto	40	00
		Dolls	155	00
		Silver		
Jany	31	40. Half Dollars	20	00
Feby	12	20. Ditto	10	00
"	18	28. Ditto	14	00
"	28	16. Ditto	8	00
		Dolls:	52	00

United States Branch Mint
New Orleans Feby 28th 1845.
Wm. P. Hort Aſsayer

H. C. Cammack
Treasurer

To
Doctor R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Treasury department
R J Walker

WASHINGTON CITY D.C.
MAR 21

(From
H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer of Br. Mint,
New Orleans
March 15/45.)

Rec'd 25th.

Mint of the United States.
March 20/45.

Sir,

I have this morning received your letter of the 10th inst., and, in compliance with your request, I send, subjoined, a statement of my account with you, up to the present time.

You have done quite right in refusing to receive dimes & half-dimes for recoinage; and I cannot give my consent to its being now done. It might perhaps be permitted, with authority from the Treasury Department; but, I know, from recent conversation with Mr. Walker, on the subject of small coins, that his consent to their recoinage into half-dollars would not be given. The demand for dimes & half-dimes will probably be revived when the new postage act ~~goes~~ comes into operation.

R.M.P.

W/

H. C. Cammack, Esq
Treasr Branch Mint N.C.

Treas^r of N. Orleans Br Mint in a/c with the Director of the Mint.

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1845	Jany 1.	By	Bal from 1844	662.29	
	Feb 11	"	Pro assay coins	3236.70	
	" "	"	two 1/2 eagles in excess	10.00	$3908.99

Dr.

Sundry Bills pd from Jany 3. to Mar 18 1845 inc (list given)	2618.46
	$1290.53

Bal in Directors hands March 20. 1845

Note - At the close of this quarter, the vouchers will be forwarded with a full acct if any thing more comes into it.

To/ H. C. Cammack Esq
Treas^r N. O. Br. Mint
March 20/40

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U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 1. 1840

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose statement of our operations in April.

I received from Mr Cammack, just before my departure for Washington, a memorandum upon the subject of the allowances for dirt, upon Gold Coin, made at this Mint, the contents of which I have recently communicated to you verbally. It is also herewith transmitted —

I am very respectfully
Y. ob. Servant.
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

I have just heard of another applicant, for my offi in the person of Mr. Woodruff, the brother in law of my predecessor David Bradford.

From
Jos. M. Kennedy.
Sup. Br. Mint.
New Orleans.
Apr. 1 / 45.
Rec. 10th

April 1845

Tariff of the allowances on Gold Coins
deposited at the Branch Mint New Orleans

If new, nothing. —— 0.0
If old & of ordinary cleanliness ·15
If very dirty . . . . ·30.

per letter of Dr Patterson 24 April 1843.

I learn from Conversation with Mr Guirault that It has rarely happened that the Coins have been delivere without allowance. And ·30 have oftener been deducted ~~than~~ more often than ·15. —

New Orleans February 25 '45

H Cammack
Jr.

(From
H. C. Cammack
Treasurer N.O. Br. Mint
New Orleans

Recd. Apr. 10/45.

J. M. Kennedy Esq
Superintendent

Dr R M Paterson

Dear Sir

The bearer of this Mr Henry I Garret is desirous of obtaining employment in the Mint as a Machinist, and having had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with him, while he was in the employ of Mr Tyler building the Press for the New Orleans Mint I can confidently recommend him as a steady Sober and industrious Man, also a good Workman

Yours Respectfully

April 11th 1845

John Agnew

From John Agnew, Esq
Apr. 11 / 45.

Recommending H. S. Garrett.

Mint of the U. S
April 19, 1845.

Sir,

I send herewith a statement of my account with your Mint for the quarter ending 31st ult., showing a balance to your credit of $1,290.53.

The assay-coins of Jan. & Feb., of which you sent me a list on the 15th ult., were duly received. ~~I have also to acknowledge the receipt of~~

R. M. P.

To/ R. C. Cammack
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To/ H. C. Cammack,
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

April 19. 1845.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, during the months of March 1845.

Deposites.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dolls:	Cts	Dolls:	Cts	Dolls:	Cts
Gold:										
Foreign Coins	2.350	11.	2.362	671	43,956	69	43,956	69		
Foreign Bullion	24	69	12	713	236	52	236	52		
U. S. Bullion	168	26	163	178	3,035	85	3,035	85		
									47,229	06
Silver										
Foreign Coins	8.002	65	7.768	95	9.040	23	9.021	92		
Foreign Bullion	1.039	45	999	41	1.162	95	1.159	74		
									10,203	18
					Total		Deposites		$ 57,432	24

Coinage.

Denomination	Number Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dolls:	Cts	Dolls:	Cts
Gold.					
No coinage this month					
Silver					
Half Dollars	120,000	60,000	00		
				60,000	00
Total	Coinage			$ 60.000	—

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans.
Treasurer's Office March 31st 1845.
H. Cammack
Treasurer

Recd. April 10. '45.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 21. 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose, copies of a correspondence, with the Treasurer of this Br. Mint, on the subject of a claim, presented on behalf of the heirs of the late Mr. Maxwell -

Allow me to ask the favor of a reply to the note I addressed you in Washington in regard to the balcony and the removal of the iron gate -

Very respectfully
Y. ob. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
of the U. S.
Philada.

Fran^s Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
April 21. 1845.
Rec^d. — 30. —

(Copy)

Sir,

Enclosed I hand you a letter received this morning from Mr. Stewart, on the subject of an expense, which was incurred by the estate of the former M. & R. of this Mint, consequent of the change of Offices made in 1839, and I beg to submit it to your consideration -

I am Sir,

Yr mo obt servt

Signed H. C. Cammack

Tr

Jos. M. Kennedy Esq

Superintendent.

U. S. Br. Mint New Orleans

April 16. 1845.

(Copy)

New Orleans April 15. 1845.

Dear Sir,

I was employed as the Atty. to settle the Succession of James Maxwell, who died in 1839, being at the time the Melter & Refiner, in the Mint at this place -

Among the charges against the Succession and which was paid by the Curator, was one for $63. by Henry Stiles, for keeping the seals from the 19th August, to the 2nd of Oct. in all 42 days, at $1.50 pr day. It appears that the Judge of the Probate Court ordered the Seals to be raised, on the 30th of August, and an Inventory to be taken, but that the Notary, by suggestion, postponed taking the Inventory, until the arrival of the Treasurer, (yourself.)

It would therefore seem, that the heirs have a claim upon the Govt for the reimbursement of a portion of the above charge of $63, viz: from the 30th August, until the 2d Oct, 33 days, at $1.50, or $48.50, which is the time that Stiles was employed, attending the seals for the benefit of the Government, awaiting your arrival, that you might be there, to receive the bars of gold and silver, which had been under the charge of the deceased -

I will thank you to point out the mode by which this amount may be reimbursed to the heirs.

Very resp. Yrs

Horace C. Cammack Esq
(Treasr of U.S. Mint.) } Signed Chs. T. Stewart

(Copy)

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 18. 1845

To H. C. Cammack Esq.re
Treasurer,

Sir,

I have maturely considered Mr. Stewart's letter to you, on the part of the heirs of the late Mr. Maxwell, and am unable to perceive any ground, on which they can base a claim, upon the Government, for any portion of the amount allowed Mr. Stiles, for keeping the scales.

Mr. Forstall, altho' he had been superseded in his office of Treasurer, continued to act, in that capacity until such time as his Successor (before he could take possession of the public funds) had fulfilled the formalities of the law, and was therefore, perfectly competent, at any time, between the 30th of August and 2d of Oct, to receive from the Curator, "the bars of gold and silver, which had been under "the charge of the deceased."

It is impossible to imagine, that, under these circumstances, the Notary should have postponed taking the Inventory, "by suggestion"

(Recd April 30. 1845.)

of any person representing the Government – The delay, therefore, was probably considered as being to the interest of the Succession, and took place, no doubt, as a matter of preference, on behalf of the heirs –

If it can be shewn, that this supposition is incorrect, and that the additional expense attending the "Keeping of the Seals" was incurred, under the authority of the principal Officer of the Mint, at that time, I will refer the case to the Director for his decision, considering it as one, in which he should be consulted –

I am your obt. Servt.

Signed J. M. Kennedy –

Supt.

U S Br. Mint New Orleans April 23d. 1845

Dear Sir

Having now nearly completed the tedious alterations in my department, I feel a desire to communicate to you what I have been doing since my return. I should have written to you much sooner, but I was aware that Mr Kennedy immediately informed you of our safe arrival, and of the arrival in good order of our machinery &c.

I immediately proceeded to lay before the Superintendent the plan of taking down the vault in the coining room, for the purpose of getting sufficient room for putting up the new press, and I anticipated met with a protest against it by the M. & Refiner, who was appeased only by the Supt. allowing, at my suggestion a new vault to be built in one end of the bleaching room, & connected with his other vault, so as to make a very spacious double vault with a door between them. Taking this room caused no inconvenience to my department, as it was occupied by the old roasting furnace & riddling apparatus which has been superceeded by the new roasting and riddling machine, which has now been so long in successful operation that the old apparatus could no longer be required. A word of this new mode of roasting & riddling. The planchetts are delivered in a better condition for coining, for reasons which are obvious, and almost all the hand labor is dispensed with, as the planchetts are roasted, riddled & delivered in a box *upon the car*, *entirely* by the machine & it is so convenient to the annealing furnace & altogether so complete that *One man* can anneal, bleach roast & riddle 50,000 ounces in a day

In making the change in the coining room, I thought it a good time to move the machine shop into the upper story as I was desirous of altering the shaftg which communicated the power to the coining presses (the reason for moving the machine shop being a want of light & dry atmosphere) This shaft was a very clumsey cast iron affair, in Rush & Muhlenberg's *best style* driven at right angles with the main shaft of the engine. by a large pair of rough cast iron bevel-geared wheels, making the whole building quake with its thumping, which was more or less loud according as the shaft was kept in line with the other, under the uneven settling of the building. and to give an idea of an evil which we have to contend for want of solidity in the foundation I will mention that, when our coining room floor was relevelled last summer, it was found to be 4 3/4 inches out of the level line in a distance of 20 feet. And this same shaft 47 feet long, gearing into another at right angles to it some 40 feet long was hung to this same floor. You will not wonder then that I was anxious to substitute seperate short shafts for each press, to be parallell with the main shaft of the engine & driven with belts which can accommodate themselves to the settling of the building. The Supt. seeing fully the propriety of this change: consented to it, & I have been occupied for the last two months with all the force I could command in affecting it. Before putting the presses in their new position I thought it necessary to give additional support & solidity to the floor, which I have done by placing the presses all upon one side of the room, so as to bring their weight upon the ends of the joists, near the solid & heavy wall, then on the inside of the presses, I put a row of three cast iron columns embracing by a timber, which was originally put there with the floor - all the joints. Then on that side of the room where the presses are I put a very heavy floor, by putting yellow pine & black walnut planks alternately on their edges, after the manner of building nine pin alleys, the pine showing 1½ inch & the walnut 1 inch on the upper surface, & being 2½ deep The joining of this new floor to the old one, forming the line to which visitors may approach towards the presses, sustaind also by a row of posts & chain after the pattern in the mother Mint This being completed & the presses in operation combines a greater degree of solidity & beauty than I anticipated, and the whole has been done at very little expense, & it may be well for me here to remark that it has been done without retarding or interfering with ~~in any~~ the operations of coining, as the presses were not moved untill the new shafts were ready for them &c

It is only untill within a week past that I have been able to do much to our new coining press; but there are now two good machinists constantly employed in polishing & putting it together, and if nothing requires the workmen elsewhere, I think it will be completed in about 30 days it is safely in its place for operating and all the large parts put together. The old presses are in working order, & operating when required. I wish very much to build a new milling machine, which I can probably do, with the machinists employed here, if we have our usual suspension

Mrs Tyler & myself are in better health than we have been before for several years - so much for the healthful influences of your northern climate. I hope we may never be obliged to spend the hot & sickly months of Summer here again, and if I have rightly understood the views of my superiors on the subject there will be no necessity for it. There certainly is no business for which the public could ask a continuation of operations, and it is in my opinion not only a matter of economy to the government, but good policy to protect its officers.

My invention for compressing cotton is progressing as rappidly under the superintendence of Mr Pendleton as possible. He thinks we have every reason to anticipate a handsome profit from it. all the companies for compressing have agreed to adopt it. if it operates as well in the full size as it does in the model, which Mr P. expects to prove to them in the course of 10 days as he has a very expensive machine nearly finished

I cannot close without expressing to you my gratitude for the kind interest you have always taken in my behalf, as well as other members of my family, and I pray you may never have cause to think it misplaced— Very Sincerely yours

Philos B. Tyler

To
Dr R. M. Patterson.

Rec^{d}. May 2. 1845.

From
Philos B. Tyler, Esq.
Coiner of Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
April 23d, 1845.

Recd. May 2d.

May
1845

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurers Office 26 April 1845

Sir

I received in due course, your esteemed Letter of 20th March, with a statement of my account with you, by which I observe that you have carried the proceeds of the Assay Coins for the past year into the contingent funds - In a note at the foot of the account, you say that a full account and Vouchers will be forwarded at the close of the quarter - but I have not received them, and fear that they have been lost in the mail -

I am sorry that the items paid by you, could not be charged in my last quarters account - the apparent balance against me is rather large for the close of a quarter, and I am afraid, has caused some delay in the remittance asked for this quarter

I have the honor to be
Your mo obt St
H. Cammack
Treasr.

To Dr. R. M. Patterson.

From H. C. Cammack
Treas. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
April 26. 1845.
Recd. May 5.

New Orleans April 30th 1845.

Sir.

James Maxwell, who died in 1839, being at the time, melter & refiner in the mint at this place, left a small succession which I was employed to settle.

Among the charges against it and which has been paid by the Curator was one for $63 by Henry Stiles for keeping the seals from the 19th of August to the 2nd of October. in all 42 days at $1.50 per day. The law requires that seals should be affixed for 10 days and it appears from the records in the Probate Court that the Judge on the 30th August ordered the seals to be raised, and an inventory to be taken, but that it was suggested to the notary to postpone the inventory until the arrival of the newly appointed Treasurer H. C. Cammack Esq.

From these and other circumstances which I believe are known to you, there is reason to suppose that this delay, from the 30th August to the 2nd October, was principally occasioned for the benefit of the Govt, as there was a large amt of bullion under the charge of the deceased, which it was most proper should be delivered to the new Treasurer. His own property was inconsiderable, and there was no necessity for the seals to be continued after the Judges' order mentioned above. From these circumstances it would appear that the heirs have an equitable claim to be reimbursed a portion of the charge made by Stiles viz from the 30th August to the 2nd October 33 days at $1.50 or $48.50.

I have referred this claim to Mr Kennedy the Superintendent of the Branch Mint who says that "Mr Forstall, although he had been superseded in his office of Treasurer, continued to act in that capacity, until such time as his successor, (before *he* could take possession of the public funds) had fulfilled the formalities of the law, and was therefore perfectly competent to receive the property under charge of the deceased" — He also says that the delay was probably considered as being for the interest of the succession.

Mr Cammack, on the other hand, who is acquainted with many of the circumstances of this case, and who in fact declined receiving the above mentioned bullion, from various considerations, until some weeks after his arrival here, considers the claim perfectly fair & just. The succession certainly had no interest in the delay, and as I am informed there are reasons known to you relating to this matter, which may operate in reversing the decision of Mr Kennedy, I take the liberty of asking your attention to it.

I am yr obt servt

Chas. F. Stewart Atty at Law

From
Charles T. Stewart, Esq
New Orleans.
Apr. 30/45.

Recd. May 14.

R M Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans May 3. 1845

Sir,

I enclose Statement of our Operations in April, and have the honor to report, that Mr. Tyler has, this morning, in my presence, cancelled, by heating the same, and cutting a cross upon their face, the following dies, forwarded by you, for the use of our Mint, for the year 1844, to wit:

Eagles 6 heads – 5 tails
Half Eagles 8 heads 4 tails
Quarter Eagles 6 heads

Half dollars 12 heads 10 tails
Quarter dollars 5 heads 4 tails
Dimes 4 heads
& 1/2 Dimes 2 heads 2 tails

Reserved 1/2 dolls. 2 tails. 1/4 dolls. 1 tail – Dimes 6 tails – 1/2 dimes 7 tails –
Eagles 1 tail – 1/2 eagles 7 tails – 1/4 eagles 9 tails –

Since my letter to Mr. Cammack of the 18th ult., respecting the claim against the Mint, set up by the heirs of the late James Maxwell I have had a correspondence with Dr. Hort, who was Acting Superintendent, at the time of the employment of Stiles, in the capacity set forth in the communication of Mr. Stewart.

Dr. Hort, not only confirms my supposition with regard to the circumstances of the appointment of Stiles, but adds, that he was so appointed, in opposition to the protest of him the said Hort, as the Agent of the Government, besides which Stiles was then receiving pay, as one of the hands retained in the Melting Department, during the suspension of the Operations of the Mint. I have decided, upon becoming acquainted with these facts that the claim of the Estate of Maxwell, for reimbursement, could not be allowed.

Very respectfully

Yr. obedt. Servant

Jos M Kennedy

Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

of the U. S.

Philada

P. S. The first opportunity I shall have, of procuring some of the **Périque** Snuff, of which I spoke to you, when in Philadelphia, will not occur until about the middle of June – I will not let it pass –

I omitted to mention, that we found 2½ Eagle head dies less, and 2 Eagle head dies more, than those called for, both in my list and Mr. Tyler's – It is supposed by Mr. T. that we must have committed an error in entering them.

From
Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

May 3. 1845,
Recd. — 13. —

April Report.

Statement of the Deposites & Coinage, at the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, during the month of April. 1845.

Deposites

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight after melting		Standard Weight		Value before Deductions		Value, after Deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.										
Foreign Coins	7.967	46	7.778	267	144.711	96	144.711	96		
Foreign Bullion	91	96	45	178	840	51	840	51		
U. S. Coins	22	99	23	270	432	92	432	92		
U. S. Bullion	67	13	62	409	1,161	10	1,161	10		
									147.146	49
Silver.										
Foreign Coins	182,683	00	181,927	56	211,697	54	211,686	59		
Foreign Bullion	843	45	798	64	929	31	922	76		
									212,626	85
					Total Deposites.				$359,773	34

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces.	Value.		Total Value.	
		Dollars	Cts	Dollars	Cts
Gold.					
Eagles.	6,000	60,000	00		
Half Eagles.	6,000	30,000	00		
				90,000	00
Silver.					
Half Dollars	154,000	77,000	00		
				77,000	00
	166,000				
	Total Coinage			$167,000	00

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
Treasurer's Office April 30th 1845.
H. Cammack
Tr.

Recd. May 13. '45.

New Orleans 4th May 1845

R M Patterson Esqre
Director of the Mint Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

Allow me to urge on you the justice of the claim of the Heirs of our lamented friend James Maxwell. You will recollect the position I occupied at the time; at the death of Mr Maxwell I interposed to prevent the breaking of the Seals, until the new Treasurer should be installed.

I deemed this indispensible for the protection of the public funds & the reputation of the deceased which had been wickedly and cruelly assailed by unprincipled men about the Mint & to allow his Heirs to be taxed with the expense of a Keeper I think would be very oppressive, when they only received $124.00 from the Estate.

In the hope of saving the expense, a person employed in the Mint was selected whose extra duties on this account were merely nominal, and whose Services the Government were entitled to without any extra pay, it was not expected that anything would have been required. In this we were disappointed, daily wages required, and paid for the whole time from the small pittance that was due Mr Maxwell.

However as you know, all about it further remark from me is unnecessary.

I am

Dear Sir,

With great respect,

Your Assured friend.

Jacob Brown

From
Jacob Barker, Esq.
New Orleans.
May 4/45.

Rec. 14th.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, May 5, 1845

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the ~~20th~~ 21st ult., inclosing copies of a correspondence with ~~the Branch~~ the Treasurer of your Mint, on the subject of a claim presented on behalf of the heirs of the late Mr. Maxwell. The course which you have taken in this case appears to me to be entirely correct.

I thank you for reminding me of the application which you made to me at Washington. I do not pretend to have any ~~other~~ a special ~~sup~~ authority to ~~act~~ interfere in the case, but ~~I~~ if I had, I would not withhold my approbation of your proposed changes in the building, provided that the expenses ~~tt~~ do not exceed your estimate of $200.

I received, this morning, a letter from Mr. Cammack, in which he mentions that he had not received my account & vouchers for the last quarter. Be so good as to mention to him that their punctual remittance was delayed in consequence of the absence of my Clerk, ~~from the city~~ They were forwarded, however, on the 19th ult., and must no doubt have come to hand immediately after the date of Mr. Cammack's letter. Be pleased to mention to Mr. Cammack that the proceeds of the assay-coins, transfered as usual to the contingent account, were used here in payments for bills for the new presses, subject to your written approbation.

May I also ask you to inform Mr. Tyler that I have received his interesting letter of the 2d.

R. M. P.

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans

P.S. In your next please mention whether Dr. Riddell wishes any more of the large Stone precipitating jars.

To/ Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

May 5. 1845.

U. S. Branch Mint New Orleans
May 6 - 1845

Sir,

I yesterday directed Mr. Cammack, to send you, as soon as practicable, the Assay coins which have accumulated since the last remittance - You have a list of them enclosed -

I stated to you, in my letter of the 3d instant, that upon cancelling the old dies, we have found 2 1/2 Eagle head dies less and 2 Eagle head dies more, than the number set down both in my list, and that of the Coiner, of the dies furnished us for 1844 and those reserved from 1843. In this I took the statement of Mr. Tyler, who had as he said to me, carefully compared the two accounts - Upon a personal examination I find that he was in error - The list of the cancelled dies shows 1 pr. of 1/4 Eagles and 1 head dime more, and 1 pr. Eagles and 1 head 1/2 dime less - The fact of the total number of dies received in '44 and reserved from '43, and of those now cancelled, and reserved for '45, corresponding precisely, seems to justify the supposition that the discrepancy above noticed, has arisen from some error committed in the entering of them - According to my account they stand thus:

Dies reserved from '43

1/2 Eagles	3	tails
1/4 Eagles	3	do
Dimes	3	do
1/2 Dimes	6	do
	15	

Dies for '44

1/2 Dollars	heads	12	tails	12
1/4 do	do	5	do	5
Dimes	do	3	do	3
1/2 Dimes	do	3	do	3
Eagles	do	7	do	7
1/2 Eagles	do	8	do	8
1/4 Eagles	do	5	do	5
		43		43

Total 101

Dies cancelled, of which you have the enumeration 68
Do reserved " " " " 33 Total 101.

I am very resp'y, Sir,
Yr. Obt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director Mint U.S.
Philada.

From Jas. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans.
May 6. 1845.
Recd. " 14 "

List of Gold & Silver Coins reserved for Aſsaying at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, from 31st March to 30th April 1845.

1845			Dolls.	Cts
		Gold.		
April	5	6. Half Eagles.	30	00
	19	2. Eagles.	20	00
	29	4. Do.	40	00
		Dolls.	90	00
		Silver.		
March	31	24. Half Dollars.	12	00
April	25	30 Ditto	15	00
		Dolls	27	00

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 30th 1845.
H. Cammack
Treasurer

Wm. P. Hort
Aſsayer

Rec. May 14. 1845.

United S. Br. Mint N. Orleans
New Orleans May 8. 1845.

To Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

dear Sir

I have received your letter enclosing My account with you shewing balance due me of $1290.53. I now beg to advise having valued on you for that sum which please to honor. We have not received our remittance for this quarter for Contingent expences and are entirely out of funds.

With great respect
I am your obt st
H C Cammack
Treasr

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans May 9th 1845.

Sir,

An indistinctness in the entry, made by myself, of a pair of ¼ Eagles, upon the list of dies received during the last year, was the cause of my reading them as Eagles. This error gave us, of the latter, one pair more, and of the former, one less, than the number actually furnished — On the other hand, another examination of the dies themselves, has resulted in the discovery, that three head dime, and three head ½ dime dies, have been cancelled, instead of two of the latter and 4 of the former —

From this you will perceive that the dies cancelled here on the 3d instant and those received for this year, correspond precisely both in number and denomination, with those furnished us for '44, and received from '43.

Very respectfully
Yr ob. Servant
J M Kennedy
Supt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the
Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

NEW ORLEANS La.
MAY
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Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint of the
U. S.
Philadelphia

Single

From / Jos. M. Kennedy
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans
May 9/45.

Recd. 17th.

Mint of the United States.
May 19th, 1846.

~~Sir~~, Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst. ~~was~~ ~~has been~~ was duly received, as was also your draft on me for ~~the~~ $1290.53, the balance in my hands of moneys belonging to your Mint, ~~This, or~~ and which has been paid. This, as you know, leaves me without any funds for further drafts, ~~or further~~ for payments on account of the New Orleans Mint.

I see that our long official intercourse is about to be brought to a close, by the appointment of a successor to your office. I cannot part with you without ~~giving~~ expressing my ~~thanks for~~ satisfaction with the manner in which you have conducted all the business of your department, ~~entrusted to your care~~, which has come ~~to my~~ under my view; — my thanks for the useful information which you have so frequently communicated to me in your ~~free and~~ frank and confidential correspondence, — and ~~thy~~ the assurance of my ~~high~~ sincere regard and friendship.

R. M. Patterson.
Director.

S./

H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treasurer Branch Mint
New Orleans.

To/ H. C. Cammack, Esq.
Treas. of Br. Mint
New Orleans.
May 19/45.

NEW ORLEANS - 1846

"Treasury Department"
"Comptroller's Office"
"December 3^d 1845."

Sir,

"Your Accounts of "Ordinary Expenses" have been adjusted and closed on Books of the Treasury,"

""Very Respectfully"
"Your Obd Sv^t.
"I. W. Mc Colloh"
Comptroller

"Horace C Cammack Esqr."
"late Treasurer of the Mint"
"New Orleans".

Enclosure of H. C. Cammack
June 3, 1876

Mint U. S. Jan. 1 '46

Sir,

Enclosed you will find a statement of my account with your Mint for the 4th quarter of 1845, ~~and~~ together with the ~~accompanying~~ proper vouchers for the same; showing a balance at this date ~~of~~ in your favor of $414.75.

Very resp^y

Your serv^t

R M P

J. R. Macmurdo
~~Jos. M. Kennedy~~, Esq.
Treas.
~~Capt.~~ Br. M.
New Orleans

No 7

A. R. Macmurdo

Treas.r Branch Mint

Jan 1/46. New Orleans

January 1846

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans January 5. 1846

Sir,

I enclose the accounts of the Coiner and Melter & Refiner for the year 1845, a letter and two other documents from the Treasurer accompanying the same, and a communication from Dr. Hort, accounting for the difference between the estimates made of Dr. Riddell's Gold Sweep in this Mint and in Philadelphia. I also send you by this Mail, a sample of Mr. Tyler's Sweep. The assayer's certificate is likewise herewith enclosed —

Respectfully
Yr. Ob. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From, Jan 3 -
9 documents
J. M. Kennedy. Supt.
New Orleans 511

Rec'd Jan. 13/46.

Copy

New Orleans 5 Jany. 1846

Josh. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. U.S. Branch Mint

Sir,

The great difference between the estimates made of Dr. Riddell's Gold Sweep, in this Mint, and in Philadelphia, arose from my having weighed the Gold obtained, with the Gold weights — Besides this neither Dr. Riddell nor myself, after repeated trials made with the greatest care, could obtain a satisfactory button from the sweep — Each one presented the same appearance, was very brittle, and coated with flux, which accounts for the variations between all the different Assays

respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

(signed) Wm. P. Hort
Assayer

Enclosure, Recd. Jan. 13 '46.

Copy.

Branch Mint U.S. at New Orleans
Treasurer's Office January 3rd 1845

Sir,

Herewith I hand you statements furnished me by the Coiner and the Melter & Refiner, exhibiting the amount of Bullion of each kind (Gold & Silver) received and returned by them respectively during the year 1845; Also the amount returned for the purpose of settlement, and the amount of the allowance which they require as wastage — The various specifications relating to these accounts have been examined and found correct in this Office, and are confirmed by counter Abstracts also herewith —

Should you approve these statements, please authorize credits for the amounts claimed for Wastage by your Warrants, to close the Bullion accounts of the respective Officers on my books

With much respect
Your obt. Servt
John W Macmurdo
Treasurer
pr. F. W. Smythe
Clk

J. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Superintendent
Branch Mint U.S. New Orleans

Enclosure from A.O.B.M. Recd Jan 13/46

Dr. The Treasurer of the U.S. Br. Mint New Orleans in account with the Coiner. His acct. of Gold. Cr

1845			Ounces	Dec.	Dollars	cents
Dec.	31st	To Gold coins delivd to him since Jan. 1st 1845	36,550.	000		
"	"	" Gold clippings Do	36,416.	704		
"	"	" amount of bullion delivd in settlement	615.	333		
		Wastage	19.	685		
			73,601.	722		

		Ounces	dec.	Dollars	cents
Jan 1st 1845.	By amount of bullion returned from settlement	338.	562		
Dec. 31st	" Ingots recd from him since 1st Jan. 1845	73,263.	160		
		73,601.	722		

U.S. Branch Mint, New Orleans.
Coiners office Dec. 31st 1845
P. B. Tyler.
Coiner

Enclosure - Recd. Jan. 13 '46
from J. M. K. Sup. A. O. B. M

Abstract No 1
Coiners Account
Gold
for the year ending Dec. 31
1845

Dr The Treasurer of the U S Br Mint New Orleans, in acct with the Coiner. His acct of Silver Cr

December 31st	To Silver coins delivered to him since the 1st Jan. —	919.531.24	1845 Jan. 1st	By Bullion returned from settlement	2.049.06
" "	Silver clippings.	756.131.42	Dec. 31st	Cr. by Silver ingots Received from him since 1st Jan. 1845. —	1.679.547.25
" "	Bullion delivered to him in settlement of accts.	5.593.25			
	Wastage —	340.40			
		1.681.596.31.			1.681.596.31.

U S Branch Mint New Orleans. Coiners Office Dec. 31st 1845

R. B. Tyler. Coiner

Enclosure - Recd. Jan. 13 '46
from J. M. K. Supt. N. O. B. M.

Abstract No. 2

Coiner's Account

Silver

for the year ending Dec. 31

1845

Coiners Sweep from N Orleans

5 oz. Troy —

First Assay	Gold	109½ ~~ttt~~	Silver	1971½
Second do	do	141 ~~ttt~~	do	2059

Dr. The Treasurer of the Branch Mint, New Orleans, in account with the Melter & Refiner — Gold. Cr.

1845			Ounces	dec	1845			ounces	dec
December	31	To amount of Gold in ~~gets~~ delivered this year	66.891	520	December	31	By amount of Gold bullion received this year.	69.416	478
"	"	" Gold bullion delivered in annual settlement	2.450	774					
"	"	" Net amount in sweeps	47.	872					
"	"	" Wastage	26.	312					
			69.416	478				69.416	478

I certify the foregoing estimate to be correct ~~accd~~ according to the titles given in Dr Patterson's letter – to wit Gold 1/2 ~~&~~ Silver 201.

Wm P. Hort
Assayer

Branch Mint New Orleans
December 31st 1845.
J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

Abstract No. 3

Melter & Refiner's Account

Gold

for the year ending Dec. 31

1845

Enclosure - Recd. Jan. 13 '46

from J. M. K. Sup. N.O.B.M.

Dr. The Treasurer of the Branch Mint New Orleans in account with the Melter & Refiner. — Silver. Cr.

1845			Ounces	dec
December	31	To amount of silver in ingots delivered during this year	1.657.129	55
"	"	" Net amount in Sweeps	1.243.	26
"	"	" Wastage	1.641	99
"	"	" Bullion delivered in Settlement	69.713.	27
			1.729.728	07

1845			Ounces	dec
December	31	By amount of silver bullion received during this year	1.729.728.	07
			1.729.728.	07

Branch Mint New Orleans
December 31st 1845

J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

Enclosure. Recd. Jan. 1846
from I. M. K. Sup N.O.B.M

Abstract No. 4
Melter & Refiner's Account
Silver
for the year ending Dec. 31
1845

Coiner's Account of Bullion

			Ounces	dec
1845 Dec. 31	Gold Dr		73.601	722
	Cr.		72.966	704
	The Balance		635	018
	The Bullion weighed	604.969		
	In Sweep	10.364		
	Wastage	19.685	635	018
1845 Dec. 31	Silver Dr.		1681.596	31
	Cr.		1675.662	66
	The Balance		5.933	65
	The Bullion weighed	5.411.26		
	In Sweep	181.99		
	Wastage	340.40	5933	65

The Branch Mint of the U.S. New Orleans
Treasurer's Office January 3rd. 1846
John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer.

Abstract No 1

Counter to

Abstracts Nos. 1 & 2

Coiner's Account

Bullion

1845

Enclosure - Rec'd Jan. 13 '46
from Asst. Tr. Sup. N.O.B.M.

Melter & Refiner's Account of Bullion

				Ounces	dec
1845 Dec 31	Gold	Dr		69.416	478
		Cr.		66.891	520
		Balance		2.524	958
		Bullion weighed	2.450.774		
		In Sweep	47.872		
		Wastage	26.312	2524	958
1845 Dec 31	Silver	Dr.		1.729.728	07
		Cr.		1.657.129	55
		Balance		72.598	52
		Bullion weighed	69.713.27		
		In Sweep	1.243.26		
		Wastage	1.641.99	72.598	52

Branch Mint of the U.S. at New Orleans
Treasurer's Office January 3rd. 1846
John K Maimundo
Treasurer

Enclosure - Rec'd. Jan 13 '46
from J. M. K. Sup. N. O. B. M.

Abstract No. 2

Counter to

Abstracts Nos. 3 & 4

Melter & Refiner's Account

Bullion

1845

Mint of the United States
Jan. 6th, 1846.

Sir,

The box of silver sweep, announced in your letter of the 24th ult., was received on the 31st. ~~The interruption~~ It has not yet been assayed.

In my letter to you of the 18th ult., I gave some views with regard ~~th~~ to this question of the sweeps, on which I wait for your opinion and decision, with some anxiety; for the ~~sweep~~ final settlements of your wastage accounts are too long delayed. My present opinion is that the sweeps had better be sent to London: but Mr. Riddell and yourself may have objections to this course, and I should be sorry to enjoin any ~~step~~ measure ~~with~~ in which you do not ~~con~~ concur.

I have received my final answer from the Post Master General, on the subject of the postages on our heavy remittances by mail. They must pay letter postage. I will send you a set of dies, of every kind, without waiting ~~your to~~ for letters from you; but I wish you, on receipt of this to let me know what you most need, and what I am first to send. If a good private opportunity can be found, I propose to send by it all that you may need for the year; for all are now ready.

I wait your report for December, to make up my annual report to the President.

R. M. P.
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To
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq
Sup. Br. Mint
New Orleans.

I send, by this mail, a pair of half-eagle dies, No. 7. —

70/

Jos. M. Kennedy

Supert.

Jan. 6/46 New Orleans

Mint U. S. Jan. 6, 1846

Sir,

On the 13th of June last, I received from you a letter of the 4th, in which you announce a remittance, through the frank of the Secretary of the Treasury, of "a box marked no. 4, containing the assay Coins reserved from deliveries made at the Mint (~~from~~ New Orleans) from the 27th to the 31st (of May) inclusive." By an enclosed list it appears that the package contained 2 eagles and 28 half dollars: value $34.00

I am sorry to inform you that this package never reached its destination; and I am mortified at the circumstance of its failure not having been discovered till now. Your letter was received on the 13th, the very day on which my clerk, Mr Dunning, ceased to perform his duties in my office, and was succeeded by the present "Director's Clerk." Thus the transaction at a time of some necessary confusion, and the failure of the remittance was overlooked.

Can you give me any information with regard to this matter? Is there any distinct recollection on the part of your messenger, that he put the package in the Post Office? Was any register of the package kept at the Post-Office?

It is fortunate that the remittance was to so small an amount.

Yr

R. M. P.

To/

Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. M.,
New Orleans.

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Jos. M. Kennedy

Supert.

Jan. 6/46. New Orleans

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans January 17. 1846

Sir,

I enclose a receipt and certificate from the Post Office in this City, in reference to the package of assay coins mentioned in your letter of the 6th inst. We have a similar receipt for every remittance of assay coin that we have made, as well as for each sample of the sweeps, that I have forwarded to you.

The dies of which we stand most in need are Eagles, ½ and ¼ do and ½ dollars, a pair of the former, particularly, as I understand from Mr Tyler, that one of those lately recd "has a seam in the steel which renders it unavailable".

Our sweeps are held subject to your order, to be shipped according to your directions.

Very respectfully
Yr obt Servt
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

From
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Jan. 17/46.
Rec.d 28th.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans January 22d 1846.

Sir,

I enclose our Statement for December, and memorandum of coins reserved for assaying, from deliveries made at this Branch Mint during the same period. I also forward, by this day's mail, a package in which those coins are contained, and will send you tomorrow, if possible, the accounts presented at the close of the year by the Melter and Coiner. I have declined admitting in that of Dr. Riddell, an item of about $200.-, to pay charges attending the transportation &c of his sweeps—

We have received 1 pr. ½ dollar, and 1 pr. Eagle dies— The postage on one box was $9.60, and on the other $10.

Respectfully
Yr ob Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

Dec 31-45

From,

J. M. Kennedy
Supt
New Orleans
2d

Recd
Jan. 12/46.

Statement of the Deposits and Coinage of the Branch Mint New Orleans during the month of December 1845

Deposits

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight After melting		Standard Weight		Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total Value before deduction	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold										
Foreign Coins	4714	80	4674	819	86.973	37	86.973	37		
do Bullion	25	20	14	084	262	03	262	03		
U.S. Coins	22	71	22	987	427	67	427	67		
do Bullion	155	62	151	936	2826	72	2826	72		
									90489	79
Silver										
Foreign Coins	1099	90	1083	41	1260	70	1257	34		
do Bullion	572	60	550	35	640	41	638	50		
									1.901	11
Total of Deposits									92.390	90

Coinage

Denomination	Numb. of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold					
Eagles	2000	20.000	"		
1/2 do	4000	20.000	"		
				40.000	
Silver					
Half dollars	280.000	140.000	"		
				140.000	
Total of Coinage				180.000	

Branch Mint of the U.S. at New Orleans
Treasurers Office December 31st 1845

John R Macmurdo
Treasurer

Enclosure - Recd. Jan. 12 '46

Statement of Gold and Silver Coins reserved for Assaying at the U.S. Branch Mint, New Orleans during December 1845

Dates		Denominations	Deliveries	Numb Pieces	Value		Total Val	
		Gold						
1845 Dec	31	Eagles fm. delivery	2000	2	20	"		
	"	1/2 do " do	4000	4	20	"		
							40	"
		Silver						
1845 Dec	5	Halves fm. delivery	40.000	8	4			
	16	do " do	60.000	12	6			
	25	do " do	80.000	16	8			
	31	do " do	100.000	20	10			
							28	"
						$	68	"

Branch Mint of the U.S. at New Orleans
Treasurers Office January 1st 1846

Wm. P. Hort Assayer

John K. Macmurdo
Treasurer

Enclosure – Recd. Jan. 12 '46

Received New Orleans June 2nd 1845 from J. M. Kennedy Superintendent U S Branch Mint, one small package addressed "Honble Robert J Walker, Secretary of the Treasury, Washington City D. C." said to contain Coins reserved for Assaying — Amounting in Value to Thirty four dollars.

$34

A. G. Penn
Post-Master

Post-Office Receipt for
Army Comis
$34 ~
June 3rd. 1845

I hereby certify that I have examined my record & find that the package refered to in this receipt, was duly Mailed on the ~~day the recpt was given~~ 4th June, the Mail of the 3rd having been closed on the day the receipt was given —

G. Saffermont
Chief Mail Cler

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans January 24th 1846

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of five pair of dies, viz:

1 pr. 1/2 Eagles box No. 7.
1 do 1/4 do — " — " 12
1 do 1/4 dollar — " — " 16
1 do Dimes — " — " 20
{ 1 do 1/2 do. — " — " 25.

Will you be kind enough to say at whose risk our Sweeps are to be shipped. Dr. Riddell is unwilling to take any responsibility whatever in the matter - Must they be insured, for their estimated value, and at whose expense? I will thank you for a statement of such charges as are to be borne by the Mint.

Respectfully
Y. ob. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philada.

From,

J. M. Kennedy, Supt.

New Orleans

Recd. Feb. 2. Jan. 24/46

February 1846

Mint U. S. June 26, 1846.

Sir,

The Treasurer of the Mint at New Orleans informs me that "in his account for ordinary expenses for the first quarter of the present year, voucher No. 393 has been suspended for bill of particulars."

This item, as he informs me, is composed of two payments made by me for purchases made in Philadelphia, as by my account with him dated 1st April 1846; viz:

Amount paid Abraham Miller, for fire brick —	$ 13.50
Amount paid N. Lennig & Co, for parting acid —	555.70
	$ 569.20.

~~Mr. McMurdo~~

In presenting my account to the Treasurer of the New Orleans Mint, for such expenditures, I always send to him, as vouchers, the originals of the bills and receipts, — keeping duplicates here for my own security. These bills contain the particulars for which you ask, and must ~~afford~~ have given to Mr. Macmurdo the means of complying with the condition which you require, without recourse to me. As he has written to me on the subject, however, I send enclosed copies of the bills in my possession. It may be proper to state that in the first bill, the letter K indicates the kind of fire-brick; ~~and is the mark~~ is impressed upon it; and is the initial of the word Kaolin. ~~In the second bill~~ ~~"50 carboys Part. Acid"~~ I presume it is unnecessary to say that in the second bill, $75 is the charge for the carboys, and $487.70 for the acid. — It was nitric acid which was purchased, and the price — 9½ cents per lb. — is low.

I hope that this ~~substantiation~~ communication of details may be satisfactory, and that the suspension of Mr. Macmurdo's account may be removed.

R. M. P.
Dr

To J. W. McCulloh, Esq.
Comptroller of the Treasury.

To,

J. W. McCulloh, ~~Treasr~~
Comptroller
~~New Orleans~~
Washington

26 June '46

Mint U.S. Jan. 28 '46

Dear Sir,

On the 13th of June last, a letter was received from Mr. Kennedy of the New Orleans Mint, in which he announced a remittance, through the Secretary of the Treasury, of "a box marked no 4, containing the Assay Coins reserved from deliveries made at the Mint, from the 27th to the 31st (of May) inclusive" By an enclosed list it appeared that the package contained 2 eagles and 28 half dollars.

In the list of "Branch Mint assay Coins placed in the Pyx", you have entered, under the New Orleans head, this No. 4, as received June 13th. It was the last entry you made and you know it was just on the point of your departure.

Now the package in question is not in the pyx and is not to be found. Do you remember any thing about it? Did the package itself come with the letter announcing it; or did you make your entry on the authority of the letter?

Any reminiscences on this subject will be important. I have the receipt of the Post Master at New Orleans, given at the time, for the package, and a certificate that it was mailed to the Secretary of the Treasury on the 4th of June.

Very truly yours

RMP

Dir

To/
Geo. F. Dunning, Esq.

To/

Geo. T. Dunning, Esq,

Brunswick

Jan. 28/46

Me

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 28, 1846.

Sir,

On the ~~3d~~ 4th of June last, a small package was mailed at New Orleans, addressed to you, and containing assay-coins, to be forwarded to this Mint. The value of the enclosure was $34, composed of 2 eagles and 28 half-dollars. On examining our packages of assay-coins, it was found that this had never come to hand.

I wrote, respecting this matter, to the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint, and I have received from him, to-day, a formal acknowledgment, by the Post Master, given at the time, that the the package in question had been ~~f~~ delivered at the Office, and a certificate from the Chief Mail Clerk that it was registered as being mailed on the 4th of June.

The object of this letter is to ask that you will cause inquiry to be made whether any such package was received ~~[illegible]~~ at your department, and forwarded to me.

It is fortunate that the value of the remittance was so small. It represented the deliveries from the 27th to the 31st of May only. It is the first instance of a failure to receive any package sent from the Branch Mints.

R. M. P.

To/
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To/
Sec. of Treasury
(
Jan. 28/46 Washington

Treasury Department
January 29. 1846.

Sir

In reply to your's of yesterday I have to state that a package of Coins for assay was received at the Department from N. Orleans on the 13th. of June last.

As it is the practice to forward packages of that description on the same day they are received it is presumed that the package referred to was transmitted to your addreſs on that day.

I am very Respy

R J Walker
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson -
Director of the Mint
Philada.

From,

Sec. of Treasury

29th

Recd. Jan. 30/46

January, 1846.

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 29th, 1846.

Sir,

I received, yesterday, your letter of the 17th.

I have written to the Secretary of the Treasury, to inquire whether any record exists, in his department, of the receipt there, of the missing package of assay coins.

I have also written to my late clerk, Mr. Dunning, to inquire whether he has any recollections regarding this matter. The notice of the receipt of your letter, announcing that you had sent the coins, was the last record he made in my letter-book.

I send you, to-day, a case containing a pair of eagle-dies, No. 31. (The half-eagle, quarter-eagle, and half-dollar dies, shall follow in succession.

On the subject of the sweeps, I shall write tomorrow.

Yours very faithfully,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint. N. Orleans

To Jos. M. Kennedy.
Supt. Br. Mint.
New Orleans.
Jan. 29/46.

Mint

Mint of the United States.
Feb. 3d, 1844.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ult.

The ~~sweep~~ specimen of sweep which you last sent to us was assayed with the following results, on 5 oz. Troy.

First Assay -- Gold 109½ grs. Silver 1971½ grs
Second " -- " 141 " " 2057 "

Dr. Hart's report of the same sweep, under date of 31st. Dec., is as follows.

5 oz Av. -- Gold 106.5 grs Silver 1870 grs.

~~I again advise that your Sweep should be sent to London~~

For my opinion as to the course which I think it best to take with the sweep, I refer you to my letter of the 18th of December. It is founded on our own successful experience of the results.

My views as to the charges which ought, in this case, to be borne by the Mint, were given to you on a former occasion. I will repeat, however, the principle on which they were founded; and which is that the ~~the~~ account of the Melter & Refiner should be credited by the price actually paid for the sweep, and that he should not be charged for the expenses of transportation, insurance, or commission. In a word, he should be put upon the same footing as if the Smelting-furnace were at New Orleans.

I think that the sweep ought to be insured at its estimated value, and that this charge, as well as the freight, ought to be paid out of your Contingent funds. I agree with Dr. Riddell that he ought not to be made responsible for any risk in this transaction.

In addition to the dies already received by you, we have sent within a few days past, pursuant to your request, pairs of Eagle, 1/2 D°, 1/4 D°. & 1/2 dollar dies, ~~as you~~

To,

Jos. M. Kennedy, Supt

New Orleans

Feb. 3'/46

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans February 4th 1846

Sir,

Our Statement for the last month, and a memorandum of the coins reserved for assaying, from deliveries made at this Mint, during the same period, are herewith enclosed, and the package in which the coins are contained, goes by this day's mail. I have, as usual, taken a receipt for it from the Post Master.

The disproportion between our deposites and coinage in January is again considerable, and has been occasioned by the return to the Melter and Refiner, at different times, of a large amount of Ingots, said by the Coiner, to be unfit for the operations of his Department – I am greatly chagrined at the delays thus brought about in our payments to Depositors, and am, as yet, totally at a loss as to whether the difficulty originates in the melting or the rolling. The assay strips which have been shown to me by Dr. Hort have their wonted appearance, and exhibit no imperfection whatever in the preparation of the metal. I have, on the other hand, seen many of these Ingots, in the various stages of the rolling, all of them more or less, so blistered as (in the words of Mr. Tyler) to affect the coins beyond the legal limits. I have directed some of them to be rolled in my presence, and will also inspect their passage thro' the various operations of the Coining Department, and report to you the result – Should they again prove defective I will send you some of them for examination.

Respectfully
Yr. obt. servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson, Director
Mint U. S. Philada.

From
Jos. M. Kennedy
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
Feb. 4/46.

Recd. 12th

Statement of Gold & Silver Coin received for Assaying at the U.S. Branch Mint at New Orleans during the month of January 1846

Dates		Denominations	Deliveries	Numb Pcs.	Value	Total Value
1846		Gold				
Jan	22	Quarter Eagles	4.000	4	10	
	27	Half do	12.000	12	60	
	29	Whole do	2.500	3	30	
						100 "
1846		Silver				
Jany	16	Half dollars	40.000	8	4	
	22	do do	50.000	10	5	
	31	do do	20.000	4	2	
						11 "
		Total Value Coin received			$	111 "

Branch Mint of the United States at New Orleans
Treasurer's Office January 31st 1846

John K. Macmurdo
Treasurer.

Wm. P. Hort
Assayer

List of Coins for Assay
received January '46
at N.O. Mint

Recd. Feb. 12 '46

Statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Branch Mint, New Orleans during the month January 1846

Deposits

Description of Bullion	Gross weight After melting		Stand. Weight		Value before deductions		Value After deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	dollars	cts	dollars	cts	dollars	cts
Gold,										
Foreign Coins	7.398	96	7.398	796	137.652	02	137.652	02		
do Bullion	143	42	92	661	1.723	92	1.723	92		
U.S. Coins	114	46	115	534	2.149	47	2.149	47		
do Bullion	283	51	260	615	4.848	65	4.848	65		
									146.374	06
Silver										
Foreign Coins	140.824	92	139.958	20	162.860	45	162.849	70		
do Bullion	954	15	906	33	1.054	64	1.051	47		
									163.915	09
					Total Deposits				310.289	15

Coinage

Denominations	Number Pcs	Value		Total Value	
		Dolls	cts	Dolls.	cts
Gold					
Quarter Eagles	4.000	10.000			
Half do	12.000	60.000			
Whole do	2.500	25.000	„		
				95.000	„
Silver					
Half dollars	110.000	55.000	„		
				55.000	„
128,500 Total Coinage				150.000	„

Branch Mint of the U.S. at New Orleans
Treasurer's Office January 31st 1846
John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer.

January Report for
New Orleans Mint

Recd. Feb. 12'46

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans Feb 7. 1846

Sir,

I have to request a remittance of 1/2 dollar and Eagle dies, / head and tail / and of 1/2 Eagle head dies —

My letter of the 4th instant should have stated that of the amount deposited in January, about 60,000 ounces of Silver, and 1500 of gold, came in too late to be embraced, under any circumstances, in our Coinage for that month —

I am happy to inform you that our ingots have worked better since my last communication and for a day or two previous thereto — It is believed, that the difficulty mentioned therein, must have been produced by some deposite of Mexican dollars, of inferior quality. A moderate refining appears to have answered the purpose —

Respectfully
Y. ob Serv.
J M Kennedy
Sup.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From

Jos. M. Kennedy,
Sup. Br. Mt.
New Orleans.
Feb. 7/46.

Rec^d. 16 th.

Mint U. S. Feb. 10, 1846

Sir,

The missing package of your assay coins is recorded, at the Treasury Department, as received there on the 13th of June; and further than this it cannot be traced. There is no *evidence* that it was mailed at Washington, or that it was received at the Post Office here; but this does not show that it did not actually come to this city. I am quite confident that it never came to the Mint. At all events it is *lost*.

The annual assay was held here yesterday & the results are quite satisfactory. I send them subjoined.

I also send you a copy of the Mint Laws, and of an explanation of the process of assay of Coins, which I drew up for the use of the Commissioners.

V. Ry

R. M. P., Dir.

2/ J. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. New Orleans

(Over)

Mints		Value		Standard Weight		Variation in Weight	Fineness
		Dolls	Cts	Oz	dec	Oz.	
Philadelphia	Gold	1440	00	77	400	below 0.001	900.3
	Silver	84	95	73	003	0.000	900.7
New Orleans	Gold	665	00	35	744	below 0.004	899.5
	Silver	199	10	171	102	below 0.020	900.2
Dahlonega	Gold	1130	00	60	738	0.000	900.2

To

J. M. Kennedy,
Supt. &c
New Orleans

Feb. 10/46

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans February 25th 1846

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the following Dies, viz:

Case No. 2 1 pr. 1/2 dollar dies
" " 31 1 pr. Eagle "
" " 8 1 pr. 1/2 Eagle "
& " " 3 1 pr. 1/4 Eagle "

Mr. Macmurdo represents the Scales now in use in his Department as defective. We thought, at first, of having a set constructed here, under the superintendence of the Melter & Coiner, but have since been induced to believe that they can be procured, on better terms from the Office of Weights & Measures in Washington City. Will you be kind enough to make application in our name, for a pair that will weigh as much as 2000 oz. at one draught.

The different Weights will, of course, be also required.

I am respectfully
Y. ob. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Sup.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From,

J. M. Kennedy. Supt.

New Orleans

Recd. Mar. 9 Feb. 27/46

March 1846

Branch Mint of the United States,

at New-Orleans.

ASSAYER'S OFFICE, 31 dec 1845

Coiner

I certify that I have assayed for the ~~Melter and Refiner~~ ~~bars of~~ *Silver* Sweep cont'g ~~bars of~~ *Gold*, and that the following is the fineness.

No.	FINENESS OF SILVER.

1 Oz Av. of Sweep = ~~No~~ 1870 Silver & ~~No~~ 106.5 Gold

Total amount of Sweep 934 lbs Av.

therefore there are 181.99 lbs Silver

and 10.364 do Gold

Wm. P. Hort

Assayer.

Enclosure - Recd. Jan. 13 '46

from I. M. K. - Supt. N.O.B.M.

assayers report.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans March 4th 1846

Sir,

I send, by this mail, a package containing the coins reserved for assaying, from deliveries made at this Mint in February, a memorandum of which you will find enclosed, together with our Statement for the last month, which, as you will perceive, presents no Silver Coinage - The explanatory documents are now being copied and will be submitted to you without delay -

I have, as yet, no account of the assay at your Mint of the 2d Samples of Dr. Riddell's Silver Sweep - So soon as I shall have received them, arrangements for the Shipment and insurance of the Sweeps in both Departments, will be immediately made —

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

From

Jos. M. Kennedy,
Sept. 4,
New Orleans,

Recd. 13th Mar. 4/46

Statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Branch Mint New Orleans, during the month of February 1846

Deposits

Description of Bullion	Gross weight After melting		Stand. Wt.		Value before deductions		Value After deductions		Total Val. before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dolls	cts	Dolls.	cts	Dolls.	cts
Gold										
Foreign Coins	11.684	59	11673	497	217.181	34	217.181	34		
do Bullion	104	79	28	856	536	86	536	86		
U.S. Coins	140	46	142	176	2.645	13	2.645	13		
do Bullion	37	44	36	738	683	49	683	49		
									221.046	82
Silver										
Foreign Coins	55.737	75	55.353	06	64.410	83	64.398	28		
do Bullion	1.009	83	971	02	1129	92	1.123	96		
									65.540	75
					Total Deposits				286.587	57

Coinage

Denomination	Number Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		Dolls	cts	Dolls.	Cts
Gold					
Eagles	21000	210.000			
				210.000	00
Silver					
No Coinage					
Total Coinage				210.000	00

Branch Mint of the U.S. at New Orleans
Treasurers Office March 2nd 1846

John K. Macmurdo
Treasurer

Statement of Coins reserved for Assaying at the Branch Mint of the U.S. at New Orleans, during the month of February 1846

Date		Denomination	Delivery	No. Pcs.	Value	Total Va
1846		Gold				
Feb.	13	Eagles	6.000	6	60 "	
	20	do	8.000	8	80 "	
	28	do	7.000	7	70 "	
		Total value coins reserved				210 "

Branch Mint U.S. New Orleans
Treasurer's Office March 2nd. 1846

Wm. P. Hort Assayer

John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans March 6. 1846

Sir,

Enclosed, you have a communication from Mr. Tyler giving the reasons why no transfer of silver coins was made by him, during the last month. I am happy to state that the improved nature of a large proportion of the ingots received by that Officer since the 1st instant, has enabled him to mix and deliver some of the coins on hand in his Department, at the end of the month, and there is, I hope, every prospect of his being able to make the balance available, in the same manner.

I also send you a letter from the Melter and Refiner, and one from the Assayer. With regard to the thorough refining of Mexican Dollars, suggested by Dr. Riddell, the objection mentioned by Dr. Hort appears to me to be conclusive. The plan of larger ingot moulds for half dollars would require additional machinery, of an expensive character; and as to transferring two men from the Coining to the Melting Dept. I am not disposed to interfere with that distribution of the Workmen, which has been sanctioned by you, as the most judicious.

I sincerely trust that our Silver ingots will continue to improve, and that I have neglected no step tending to throw any light upon the difficulty under which we have been labouring — I have directed Dr. Riddell to prepare for immediate shipment to you, a keg of 5000 of these Mexican Dollars of which he complains. Should his impressions with regard to the base metal they contain be correct, I ~~suggest~~ solicit your directions as to the proper mode of getting rid of it — If not, any suggestions which your experience enables you to make, will be very thankfully received —

I am very respectfully
Yr. ob. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

3 documents

From

Jos. M. Kennedy.
Sup. Branch Mint,
New Orleans.
March 6/46.

Rec. 17th.

Copy.

Branch Mint New Orleans
February 9th. 1846

J. M. Kennedy Esq
Superintendent
Sir,

The Silver Bullion made into ingots for the last six weeks has been Mexican Dollars and clippings exclusively; which from the fact that the ingots are returned unwrought by the Coiner, I have latterly been in the habit of refining at each remelting, adding copper and using nitre to as great an extent as I have dared to do, without probability of failing in title, Still the Coiner finds himself unable to manufacture them into coins; my own impression is, that some of the later dates of Mexican Dollars, were made from bullion not properly refined — Now from conversation with the Coiner, I would recommend, either 1st. that the bullion be made into Dollars, for which it may do, or that we adopt larger ingot moulds for half dollars, which will tend to remedy the defect. or 2nd. That the said bullion and all other Mexican dollars to be coined which prove of similar quality be thoroughly refined, as all dollars coming here recently seem of the same quality, in this latter Alternative they would require all to be refined, which would so increase the relative labor of my department, that two men should be transferred from the Coining Department, permanently perhaps, for that purpose, Respectfully, Yr obt Servt

signed, J. L. Riddell M & R

Copy.

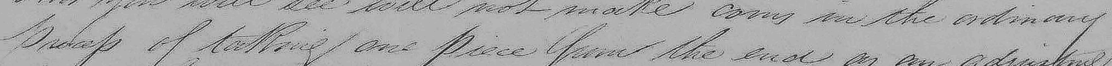
Coiner's Office U.S. Branch Mint
New Orleans March 3rd. 1846

Sir

As there has been no delivery of Silver Coins during the month of February, I beg leave to state, that up to the time of my last report to you, on the bad quality of the Ingots &c, I had been able to make no coins from the ingots, but such as contained pieces of illegal weight to the amount of from ten to twenty per cent. — I found that the trouble of weighing the pieces seperately, was so great that I returned all the planchets to the Melter & Refiner which were not found to be within the legal limits of weight. — Since that time the Silver has proved better, and portion of it, including some whole Melts, has been worked into coins of legal weight so that at the end of the month of February, there were in my vault over $60.000. in coins, $13.000. of which were of the lot requiring to be weighed seperately, as only a few thousand had been weighed, which had been thus made. There were then about $50.000. which could not be delivered, in consequence of their being too light for the variation allowed to each $1000. — Every endeavour was made, after it was seen that they were coming light, to make others equally heavy, to mix with them, as is the custom at the mother Mint, but such was the care necessary in order to bring them within the limits, that it was impossible to allow them to be sufficiently heavy, without a risk of the defective portion of them running entirely too heavy, & thereby subjecting the whole to the necessity of seperate weighing; But persevering in this endeavor and taking advantage of the best lots of Ingots for the purpose, a lot of Planchets were made, though not stamped in time to bring them into last month's Account, which will adjust a portion of the coins on hand and allow us to deliver them immediately to the Treasurer

You have asked me if the bad silver could be any better made into dollars than into halves; in answer to which I would give it as my opinion, that the difficulty of making dollars to the exact standard is twice as great as for halves, and as the allowance for variation is not twice as much, there would be more difficulty in making dollars of legal weights from bad silver than in making half dollars.

The Ingots received today are the first which have been received since your direction to the Melter Refiner to have them refined, and I have caused a portion of them to be passed through the operations, for the purpose of giving you information of the result, which is, that after the first rolling a few of the bad looking ingots were thrown out, those which were drawn and cut are barely passable, the adjusting shows a variation of One & a half Grain in the same strip, thus



This you will see will not make coins in the ordinary mode of taking one piece from the end as an adjusting piece, because while that was sufficiently near the standard (1/4) heavy; one in the middle of the strip was 1 3/4 heavy or 1/2 a Grain beyond the legal limit, but by cutting out four pieces in this way, as we have done for some time past, the Strip can be drawn again, and made to come within the legal limits; but it will be seen again that the average of these pieces will be below standard, and therefore cannot be made to adjust the coins already too light. This is the difficulty which we are under in getting the Coins heavy enough, while the Average of the pieces in a strip are standard, a few defective pieces are beyond the limit on the heavy side, and by drawing the Strips so as to bring all within, the average is below standard — Three Quarters of the lot delivered today will work into coins of legal weight, by taking the extra care in adjusting, and a Great many of them will be selected for the purpose of making heavy Coins to mix with those already made light, but the greater portion will still be too light — You ask me if the drawing machine is in Good working order, to which I reply that the utmost care has been taken with every part of the Machinery, and the rolls have all been made perfectly smooth and accurate. The Ingots however do not look like any which have worked into coins without difficulty, and the fact that one cut into twentysix Pieces in the presence of the Supt. presented holes or cavities at every place of cutting, varying in size from a pin's head to a hazel nut, & one two inches long, should be to any one in the habit of working silver, sufficient evidence that the fault was not in the machinery, notwithstanding which, I have looked diligently for any cause which might exist in my Department and have taken the utmost care in the operations —

Very respectfully
signed P. B. Tyler Comm

J. M. Kennedy, Esq.

P.S. As it has been suggested that the process of Annealing might be imperfect, I beg leave to add, that the process is the same as described to Dr Patterson some three years since, and of which he Approved, as it gives the strips a perfectly even heat, without the least liability to short bends, to which the old system was subject, at least it has never been found that the strips so annealed have varied from the legal standard, until this lot of base silver was presented for Coinage, which as it first appeared varied from 5 to 10 Grains in every strip of the Melt, and the ingots had a dark greasy appearance on the surface, and it was not until the base lot became widely diffused by remelting with other lots silver that the operations of Coining were questioned, since the imperfection of the ingots was so very apparent.

Respectfully, Yours &c

(Signed) P. B. Tyler

Coiner

Copy

New Orleans 3 March 1846

Sir,

I have received your note, in which you express a desire that I would give you my opinion as to the cause of the rejection of so many melts of Silver ingots lately.

Since the 1st Jany. I have assayed 288 melts of Silver Ingots, and have condemned 36 melts, which is a very unusual proportion. I can see no difference in the outward appearance of the Ingots, and the Assay pieces in being rolled out, work, if there is any change, better than ever. — I have heard it surmised that there was something peculiar in the Mexican Dollars from which the Ingots have been made, which caused the Ingots to be unfit for Coinage, & that consequently the Melter was directed to refine them — Now they might have been refined in two ways; *thoroughly* into bars, or *experimentally* into Ingots — In the first case, the Melter would after an Assay, have been sufficiently sure of a title, to enable him to cast his Ingots without fear of failure; — But this process would require more force, and consume more time; moreover the charges for refining large deposites of Mexican Dollars would deduct so much from the profit of the Depositor as probably to deprive the Mint of that resource for Silver Coinage — In the second case, which has been adopted, the Dollars have been partially refined in Melting, and cast at once into Ingots - There is an uncertainty in this mode of proceeding, which sufficiently accounts for the rejection of so many melts of Ingots - But I cannot perceive that this is at present of any practical importance to the Mint, since of 220.000 ounces of Silver Ingots made from Mexican Dollars, 212.000 have been returned by the Coiner as unfit for Coinage; so that the rejection of Ingots cannot be alleged as the true cause of the suspension of the Silver Coinage

Very respectfully

Signed, Wm. P. Hort

Assayer

Jos. M. Kennedy Esq

Supt. Br. Mint

N.O.

P. O. Dept
12th March 1846

Dear Sir,

I enclose the letter of the P. M. at New Orleans desiring one thousand dollars in copper coins for the use of the office at New Orleans I will be much obliged if you will order it from the Mint - I suggest that it be sent to the Branch Mint in New Orleans, with directions to let the P. M. have it upon the payment of the amount & the cost of transportation or any other arrangement will be made for the payment of ~~the~~ money that you may think advisable

Yr friend
C Johnson

Hon. R J Walker
Sec of the Treasury

Mar 12

From,

Treas'y Depart.

Rec'd. 17 Mar. 16'46

Referred to the Director
of the Mint - for his action.
T.D. March 16/46.

P. 85 March 16/46
[illegible]

Mint of the United States.
March 13 / 46.

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 4th inst., with your monthly report for February, and the package of assay-coins for that month.

I wait your explanation of the failure to coin silver. I presume, however, that it has had its origin in the difficulty about the toughness of the ingots.

When, in my letter of the 3d ult., I communicated to you my opinion as to the course which should be pursued with regard to the Melter & Refiner's sweep, I thought that the assay of the parcels sent on was rendered unnecessary. In London, the bids are founded upon assays made by the Smelters themselves. As you wish to know our assays, however, I have asked Mr. Eckfeldt to take the necessary measures in the case, and the result will be communicated to you in the course of two or three days.

R. M. P. Dr.

To Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint, N. O.

P. S. Your letter of 27th ult. shall be answered when I next write.

To,

Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supt. &c.
New Orleans

Mar. 13' 46

Mint of the United States.
March 18th, 1846.

Dear Sir,

I have received a letter, from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, which contains the following paragraph.

"The Treasurer represents the Scales now in use in his Department as defective. We thought, at first, of having a set constructed here, under the superintendence of the Melter & Coiner, but have since been induced to believe that they can be procured, on better terms, from the office of Weights & Measures, in Washington City. Will you be kind enough to make application in our name, for a pair that will weigh as much as 2000 oz. at one draught?"

Will you be kind enough to let me know whether an application, in any form, to your Office, can effect the purpose in view, for the New-Orleans Mint?

Very truly yours,

R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
A. D. Bache, Esq.

To,

A. D. Bache, Esq,
Superint. of Weights
Measures }

Mar. 18/46 Washington

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Mint of the United States.
March 19th, 1846.

Sir,

I have before me a letter from the Post-Master at New Orleans, and another from the Post-Master General, both addressed to you, and by you referred to me for my action. They have regard to the supply of ~~that~~ the Post-office at New Orleans with copper coins from the Mint.

Mr. Penn has already procured cents from us, and is perfectly well acquainted with the course to be pursued. The only question therefore, connected with his letter, that requires your notice, is the propriety of making a deposite of cents, at the New Orleans Mint, from which he can be supplied, from time to time, as the necessities of his office may require.

~~To~~ On this proposition, I have to remark that the experiment of a deposite of copper coins at New Orleans for distribution, was ~~fairly~~ made by us in 1842, on the authority of the department, and that it utterly failed. We sent ~~but~~ only the ~~sale~~ amount of $1500; and, after two years and a half, ~~the account of our Treasurer could not be settled~~ our $620 worth of these coins were returned to us, ~~as~~ because they could not be disposed of.

During all this time a part of our Treasurer's copper account was of course unsettled, much to the distress of this punctilious and ~~a~~ cautious officer.

I cannot think, that, under these circumstances, ~~will~~ the proposed deposite is advisable. Mr. Penn can have any amount of copper coins that he may desire, sent to him without charge for transportation, on his sending us a draft negotiable here at par for the sum ~~required~~ wanted, and I think that this course ought to be satisfactory to him. ~~Or any amount will be sent, without delay.~~

If the Post Master General shall himself think it proper to order them, ~~and give~~ and will furnish the requisite funds, they will be sent without delay to New Orleans, or to any other point that he may indicate.

R. M. P.

To/
Hon. R. J. Walker
Sec. of Treasury

To,

Sec. of Treasury,

Washington City

Mar. 19/46.

March 1846

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans March 21. 1846

Sir,

Mr Tyler has requested me to write for "a full supply of half dollar dies." He further informs me, that he will be prepared to coin dollars, by the time the dies can be sent out. As some of our depositors are holding large amounts, to be converted into that description of coin, you will oblige me by furnishing us also, with as many pair of dollar dies as you may deem sufficient for the present —

I have reason to believe that our report for this month will be satisfactory to you.

Respectfully
Yr ob. Servt.
J. M. McKenney
Supt.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From,

J. M. Kennedy, Sup.

New Orleans

Recd. 31st Mar. 21/46

Mint U. S. Mar. 21 '46

Sir,

In your letter of the 27th ult^o., you ask me to make application to the superintendent of Weights and Measures at Washington, for a pair of scales for the use of the Treasurer of your Mint. I did so, and have received an answer to day from Prof. A. D. Bache, in which he states that he had referred the question to the Secretary of the Treasury, for his instructions in regard to it. When the result is known I will communicate it to you.

The assay of your silver sweep is not yet made

Very faithfully

Yours

RMP

Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br Mt
New Orleans.

To,

J. M. Kennedy, Sup.

New Orleans.

Mar. 21/46

Mint U. S. Philada. Mar. 23 '46

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 21st inst. I shall take advantage of the "permission" given by the Secretary of the Treasury "for the manufacture" of the scales" required by the New Orleans Branch Mint. You state the condition that "the cost must be defrayed out of the Contingent appropriation for the United States Mint." I hope I may take it for granted that, notwithstanding the words used, this must have reference to the Branch Mint at New Orleans.

Mr. Peale is now engaged in making essential alterations in the scales used ~~here~~ in the Treasurer's Office here; and I think it very desirable that they should be finished and tested before Mr. Saxton undertakes the construction of the scales required for New Orleans. This will induce a present delay of about two or three weeks but will probably save in the end both time, cost, and trouble. When the alterations in which we are engaged are finished I will let you know.

Very faithfully yours

R. M. P.

Dr.

A. D. Bache, Esq.

Sup. of Weights & Measures

Washington.

To,

A. D. Bache, Esq

Sup. of Weights & Meas.

Washington

Mar. 23/46

Mint U. S. Mar. 23'46

Sir,

I am informed by a letter from Mr Bache, just received, that the Secretary of the Treasury has given "his permission for the manufacture of your scales at the Office for weights & measures, — the cost to be defrayed out of your contingent appropriation". This offer ought to be accepted, though you may not perhaps have anticipated the condition annexed to it.

We are now engaged in making some essential alterations in our Treasurer's scales for silver, and I have asked that Mr Bache will wait till they are completed and tested. This will give rise to a postponement of two or three weeks, but will I am confident in the end save both time, cost and trouble.

Very resp.

Yrs

R. M. P.

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mt.
New Orleans.

To,

Jos. M. Kennedy,
Supent.d &c,
New Orleans

Mar. 23/46

Mint U.S. April 1, 1846

Sir,

In compliance with the request made in your letter of the 21st ult., we send a pair of half dollar dies, No. 3, to day; and will send another pair to morrow.

I have applied to the Chief Coiner for sets of Dollar dies, and they will be forwarded as soon as ready.

I am glad to learn that your Mint is fully employed. We have very little silver offered for coinage, but a good deal of gold.

Very faithfully yours

R M P

To/
Jos. M. Kennedy Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans

To,

J. M. Kennedy, Sup
New Orleans

April 1/46.

April
1846

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 8. 1846

Sir,

I enclose Statement of our Operations last month, and memorandum of Assay coins, reserved from deliveries made at this Mint, during the same period, the package containing which, goes by this day's Mail.

Our Silver ingots have worked so much better since my last communication, that we have agreed to postpone, for the present, the shipment of Mexican Dollars therein mentioned. I sincerely hope, that it will be unnecessary to trouble you with them at all.

Two or three of Mr. Tyler's workmen (who were absent) have made application to me, for half-pay, during our late suspension - I have not granted it, without consulting you, because, altho' the Coinage operations of the Mint were interrupted, the repairs and other work required in his Depart. made it necessary for the Coiner, to employ others in their stead. There appears, however, to have been some understanding between them and Mr. Tyler, that this half pay sh'd be allowed, and the value to the Mint, of the services they render, makes it very desirable that they should be retained - Shall I accede?

Very respectfully
Yr. ob. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson, Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

P.S. The condition of the Secretary, in relation to our Scales, must, of course, be accepted.

From
J. M. Kennedy, Supt.
New Orleans

Rec^d. 16th ~~~~ 8 April '46

Statement of Gold and Silver Coins reserved for Assaying at the United States Branch Mint, New Orleans, during the month of March 1846

Dates		Denominations	Deliveries	Number of Pieces	Value	Total Value
1846		Gold				
Mar	6	Eagles	2500	2	20 ,,	
	19	do	4000	4	40 ,,	
	25	do	3500	3	30 ,,	
						90 ,,
1846		Silver				
Mar	4	Half dollars	20.000	4	2 ,,	
	10	do	40.000	8	4 ,,	
	16	do	60.000	12	6 ,,	
	25	do	90.000	18	9 ,,	
	30	do	60.000	12	6 ,,	
	31	do	30.000	6	3 ,,	
						30 ,,
					Dollars	120 ,,

Branch Mint of the U.S. New Orleans
Assayers Office March 31st 1846
Wm P. Hort Assayer

John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer

Mar 31 '46

Enclosure from J M Kennedy

Ap. 16 '46

Statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Branch Mint U.S. New Orleans, during March 1846

	Deposits										Coinage					
Description of Bullion	Gross Weight After Melting		Stand. Wt.		Value before deduction		Value After deduction		Total Value before deduction		Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts			Dollars	cts	Dollars	cts
Gold											Gold					
Foreign Coins	8.814	41	8796	015	163.646	79	163.646	79			Eagles	10.000	100.000	„		
do Bullion	100	25	65	057	1.210	36	1.210	36								
U.S. Coins	1	94	1	963	36	52	36	52								
do Bullion	208	39	219	642	4.086	37	4.086	37								
									168.980	04					100.000	
Silver											Silver					
Foreign Coins	227.262	20	226.336	81	263.373	75	263.337	84			Half dollars	300.000	150.000	,		
do Bullion	3.263	15	3.235	71	3.765	19	3.750	20								
									267.138	94					150.000	
					Total Deposits				436.118	98	Total Coinage				250.000	.

Remark. It has been impracticable to furnish to the Supt. the above statement with the ordinary promptitude; several large deposits of Silver Bullion having been received at the close of the month, of which, the Melter & Refiner could not complete the receipts, until now—

Treasurer's Office April 7th. 1846

Branch Mint of the U.S. at New Orleans
Treasurer's Office March 31st 1846
John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer.

Mar 31 '46

Report for N.O. Mint

March '46

Rec^d. 16 April.

Mint U.S. April 8 '46

Sir,

We forward through the mail, this day, a box No. 34, containing a pair of dollar dies, as requested in yours of 21st ult., and to-morrow will send another pair, in Box 35. Should these be insufficient you will please inform me.

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R.M.P.

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Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Superintendent, &c.
New Orleans

To,

J. M. Kennedy,

Superintendent.

Ap. 8/46. New Orleans

Branch Mint U.S. New Orleans
Treasurer's Office April 14th. 1846

Sir

Your account with the Treasurer of this Branch for the 1st. Quarter of 1846 shewing a balance of $709.65 to be due from you to him, has been received and found correct, with the exception of the item credited for Assay Coins say $864 10/100 which is charged on the Books of this Office $898 10/100

34
898.10

Respectfully,
Yr. Obt. Servt.
John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer.

R. M. Patterson, Esq
Director, U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

(From)
John R. Macmurdo,
Treasurer of Branch Mint,
New Orleans.
14 April '46.

Rec'd 23d.

Mint U.S.
Ph. April 17/48.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 14th inst., as the report as to the completion of the Balance for the New Orleans Mint will be received there with much satisfaction.

You will please to have the box conveying the Balance directed to Joseph M. Kennedy Esq., Superintendent of Branch Mint, New Orleans.

Yours very truly,
R. M. P.
Director

To
A. D. Bache, Esq.
Superintendent of Weights & Measures,
Washington.

To/
A. D. Bache.
Supt. Weights & Measures,
Washington.
Apr. 17/48.

New Orleans April 20

My dear Sir

I arrived in this City from Havanna last night, and found awaiting me the enclosed letter, which as it may serve to evince to you the grateful sense of your friendship on my father's part, I transmit to you, and entrust to your keeping until I have the pleasure of seeing you. I wrote to you from Havanna thanking you for your kindness towards and confidence in me - which letter I presume has already reached you - and I now renew to you the assurance that I will ever gratefully remember & earnestly endeavor to be worthy of your confidence and esteem -

Accompanying the enclosed letter, I here found another informing me of my confirmation by the Senate on the first of April - I had supposed that until I should be confirmed, I was under no obligation, if I possessed even a right to enter upon the duties of the Office. But I will now lose no time in reporting myself to you in propriâ personâ.

I can scarcely leave here before the first of next week - say 1st of May - and should no intervention of Provi=dence detain me, I shall, I trust, be in Philadelphia by the 15th of May at the furthest.

I am, very truly
Your Obliged friend & Obt Sert
Richd S. McCulloh

To Prof R. M. Patterson
Director of the U. S. Mt

From,

R. S. McCulloh

New Orleans

Recd. 28th 20 Apr. '46

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Prof. Robt. M. Patterson

Director of the U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Mint U.S.
Phil. Apr. 22/46.

Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst., with the accompanying statements, was duly received; — and the remittance of assay-coins ~~also~~ came safely to ~~hand~~ hands.

I am glad to learn that the quality of your silver ingots has improved.

I am sorry that any officer of your Mint should embarrass you by making promises to the men, ~~which~~ the fulfilment of which lies within your power alone. I take it for granted that there must be some peculiar circumstances, uncommunicated to me, which could justify Mr. Tyler in giving expectations ~~promises~~ of ~~the~~ half-pay to men on ~~leave~~ leave of absence, when other men had to be employed for work which the absentees could have done. This is converting half-pay into pay and a half. Still, you must consult the true interests of the establishment in the case. If those men ~~have~~ left the mint last summer with your consent, and if they had, from custom, reason to expect half-pay during the suspension of ordinary Mint operations, and if now to refuse it would give rise to their withdrawal, ~~from~~ and thus do injury to the institution, I think you would be justified in yielding to their claim.

~~What strikes me most in this case, is that~~

R. M. P.
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L/ Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

To,

Jos. M. Kennedy, Sup.
New Orleans

22 Apr. '46

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans April 24. 1846

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of two pair of dollar, and to request, that you will send us, as soon as practicable, two or three pair of Eagle, dies —

Dr. Hort is anxious to have another Assay balance, for the use of his department. He tells me that one made by Saxon, has been offered to him by Dr. Farnum, formerly Assayer of the Dahlonega Mint, & now in New York, for $100, which he says, is about one half of the Original cost — Our Melter & Refiner has also requested me to procure, for the use of his department

	3	Stone alembicks of 16 lbs capacity	7.50	$22.50
"	3	" retorts — 7 " "	3 —	9."
"	3	Berlin porcelain bowls 2 galls —	3 —	9
"		as p. letter from Dr. Farnum to Dr. Hort		$30.50

Dr. F. wishes these articles if purchased, to be ordered thro you —

Very respectfully
Yr. obt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint U.S. Phila.

From,

J. M. Kennedy, Sup

New Orleans

Recd. May 5. 24 Ap. '46

May 1846

Copy

Branch Mint, New Orleans.
May 1st, 1846

This is to certify that I have employed Mr. C. A. Zeitz to erect one of his reverberatory blast furnaces for melting, in the Mint, using anthracite or coke as fuel. I can highly commend the efficiency and economy of the plan, and bear testimony to the unusual accomplishments of Mr. Zeitz in all matters relative thereto.

(signed) J. L. Riddell
Melter & Refiner

I fully concur in the above recommendation.

(signed) John Brooks
Acting Coiner.

(Mem: Original returned to Mr. Zeitz).

From,

J. L. Riddell, &
John Brooks.,

New Orleans Mint
May 1, 1846

Recd. 20th

(Recommending Mr. C. A. Zeitz)

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans May 2d 1846

Sir,

I send, by this day's mail, a box containing the coins reserved for assaying, at this Branch during the last month — A memorandum thereof is enclosed herewith, as well as the statement of our Operations during the same period —

Respectfully
Yr obt servt
J. M. Kennedy
Supt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint U. S.
Philadelphia —

From,

J. M. Kennedy, Sup.
New Orleans

Recd. 11th   2 May 1846

Statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Branch Mint of the U.S. New Orleans during April 1846

Deposits

Description of Bullion	Gross Wt. after Melting		Stand. Wt.		Value before deductions		Value after deductions		Total Value before deductions	
	Ounces	dec	Ounces	dec	dollars	cts	dollars	cts	dollars	cts
Gold										
Foreign Coins	6395	91	6366	624	118.448	82	118.448	82		
do Bullion	302	26	255	734	4.757	84	4.757	84		
U.S. Coins	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
do Bullion	117	47	117	730	2.190	32	2.190	32		
									125.396	98
Silver										
Foreign Coins	5.164	40	4985	86	5801	73	5.788	52		
do Bullion	2468	13	2554	27	2972	24	2.960	13		
									87~~48~~ 73	~~65~~ 97
					Total Deposits				134.1~~45~~	~~63~~
									134,170	95

Coinage

Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value		Total Value	
		dolls.	cts	dolls.	cts
Gold					
Half Eagles	13.000	65.000	"		
Eagles	12.000	120.000	"		
				185.000	"
Silver					
Half dollars	282.000	141.000	"		
	307,				
				141.000	"
Total Coinage				326.000	"

Branch Mint of the U.S. New Orleans
Treasurer's Office April 30th 1846

John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer.

May 2

Recd 11 May [illegible]

Statement of Gold and Silver Coins reserved for Assaying at the United States Branch Mint, New Orleans during the month of April 1846

Date		Denomination	Deliveries	Number Pcs	Value	Total Val
1846		Gold				
Apl.	2	Half Eagles	5.000	5	25 „	
	7	do	8.000	8	40 „	
	18	Eagles	8.000	8	80 „	
	30	do	4.000	4	40 „	
						185 „
1846		Silver				
Apl.	13	Half dollars	52.000	10	5 „	
	18	do	100.000	20	10 „	
	25	do	80.000	16	8 „	
	30	do	50.000	10	5 „	
						28 „
					Dollars	213 „

Branch Mint U.S. New Orleans
Treasurer's Office April 30th. 1846

Wm. P. Hort Assayer

John R. Macmurdo
Treasurer

Recd. 11 May '46

May 2

Mint U.S. Philada., May 5. '46

Dear Sir,

I have just received a letter from Mr. Kennedy of the New Orleans Mint, in which inquiry is made, on the part of Dr. Hort, whether you still have an assay balance which you bought of Mr. Saxton, and which you had offered at $100. I think Dr. Hare told me that he had bought it of you.

I am also requested to order of you, for the New Orleans Mint, the following articles respecting which you have had some correspondence with Dr. Hort.

3	stone alembics, of 16 lbs capacity	@ 7.50	22.50
3	- ~~retorts~~ - }	3	9.
3	Berlin porcelain bowls, 2 galls	3	9.
			$30.50

Very truly yours

R. M. P.

Dr

Dr. Jos. W. Farnum
New York

Pr

Dr. J. W. Farnum
New York

May 5 '46

NEW ORLEANS

Mint U. S. May 6, '46

Sir,

In compliance with the request made in your letter of 24th ult., we send this day a pair of Eagle dies in box No. 32, and will to morrow forward another pair of the same in Box No. 33.

I yesterday wrote to Dr. Farnum, who is now in New York, in relation to the articles Dr. Hart desires for the Assay Department.

R. M. P.
D.,

To,

J. M. Kennedy, Sup.
New Orleans

May 6 '46

Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
May 8th 1846.

Sir

When your accounts of ordinary Expenses, from the 1st April to 23d May 1845, were adjusted at the Treasury, as John R. McMurdo, your suceſsor in Office, had not charged his salary from the 24th May to the 30th June 1845, and Superintendent of the Mint had sactioned by his warrant the payment of the whole quarters salary to yourself, it was supposed that the arrangement was made with Mr McMurdo's approbation; and you were accordinly credited with $500, the full amount of that quarters salary. instead of the pro rata thereof from 1st April to 23d May 1845; as it has been stated to this Department, since the adjustment of your accounts was made, that Mr. McMurdo did not waive his right to receive the salary of the Office, from the day he entered on the performance of its duties, you are consequently hereby requested, to pay to him on receipt hereof $208.79. the difference between $500 and $291.21; being the $\frac{53}{91}$ of $500; or to deposite that sum in the Office of the Canal & Banking Company New Orleans, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, and forward a receipt or certificate of deposite, for the same to this Office.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt St
(signed) I. W. McCulloh
Comptroller.

Horace C. Cammack Esqr
late Treasurer of the Mint
New Orleans

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans May 16th 1846

Sir,

I have been requested by Mr. Tyler, to write for three or four pair of ½ dollar dies, as the 2d pair which you sent us, in compliance with my letter of the 21st. March, is now in the Press, and has already stamped about 120,000 pieces –

Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Of the Mint of the
U. S.
Philada.

From,

Jos. M. Kennedy, Sup

New Orleans

Recd. 26 16 May '46

U. S. Branch Mint
N. Orleans May 19. 1846

Sir,

Mr. Tyler has just called at my office, to say that a pair of *head* 1/2 dollar dies is what he now stands most in need of — I will, therefore, be much obliged to you, if you will send them to us, as soon as practicable.

Respectfully
Y. Ob. Serv.
J. M. Kennedy
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
of the Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From,

Jos. M. Kennedy, Esq.

New Orleans

Recd. 27 19. May '46

New Orleans May 25th 1846

My Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of enclosing Copy of two letters which I have received from the Comptroller of the Treasury – the first one advising me that my Accounts for Ordinary Expenses had been adjusted and closed on the Books of the Treasury, and the other one dated 5 Months after, making a claim for $\$208\frac{79}{100}$, for Overpayment to me for Salary.

I am surprised at this demand, at this late period, and equally so to find that a claim is made, after an account has been settled and closed. It is my intention however to pay the money, if I find that it has been improperly passed to my credit, and my object in writing to you now, is to ask of you information on this point.

When I came into Office, Mr. Forstall had received the full quarters Salary, yet my salary, for the unexpired part of the quarter was charged and they were both allowed.

I will be much obliged to you, if you will hint to me, what it is proper for me to do and it shall be immediately done.

I take this opportunity to renew my aſsurances of respect and esteem, and remain,

Very Respectfully
Yours truly

Dr. R. M. Patterson,
H. C. Cammack

PAID

To
Doctor R. M. Patterson
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

June 1846

From,
R. C. Cammack
New Orleans
Recd. June 3 May 25, 1846

Mint U. S. May 26 '46

Sir,

In compliance with the request made in your letter of the 16th inst., we mail this day box No. 5, containing a pair of ½ dollar dies, and ~~tomorrow~~ will ~~mail~~ send another pair tomorrow.

It will be necessary to have a further supply of these dies made to meet your wants, and this ~~which~~ will be immediately ~~done~~. attended to.

~~I received your letter of the 24th ult.~~ In my letter to you of the 6th inst., I mentioned that I had written to Dr. Torrey, ~~at~~ New York, respecting the assay-balances & other articles desired by Dr. Hort. My letter has not been answered, ~~and~~ I infer that Dr. Torrey is not at New York, and I know not where to find him.

R M P

J. M. Kennedy, Sup.

To Jos. M. Kennedy,
Sup.,
New Orleans

26 May '46

Mint U.S. May 27 1846.

Sir,

On looking over my ~~letter book~~ Correspondence I find that I have neglected to make an explanation called for by your letter of the 14th ulto. in which you state ~~remind me of a discrepancy between the credit allowed you for the Assay Coins of 1845 in~~ that my account for the last quarter, ~~and the charge standing on your books for the same items.~~ had been found correct with the exception of the item credited for Assay Coins ($864.10) which is charged on the books of your office $898.10

You will doubtless remember that I had a correspondence in January last in reference to a package of your Assay Coins No. 4. reserved from deliveries made from 27th to 31 May 1845, and ~~which did not reach this Mint~~ containing 2 eagles and 28 half dollars. This package, I am convinced never reached us. The certificate from your post Office ~~exonerated you from all censure~~ was conclusive of the fact that it left your Mint. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury of the 30 January last shows that it reached Washington on the 13th of June last, and he presumes it was mailed the same day to my address according to the Custom of the Department

~~If it reached this Mint it would the fact would have been recorded on our books, and the parcel placed, immediately, in the Assayers Pyx. On an examination of the latter at the beginning of this year the package was not to be found, and there is no record of its arrival has having been made we are convinced that it must have been lost in its transmission hither~~

Unhappily it never reached this Mint; as is shown by every variety of negative evidence.

Under these circumstances you will be authorised to ~~st~~ charge this item ($28.00) to the account of profit and loss.

In the Statement forwarded to me, of your deposites during ~~April~~ the past month, I find that the ~~gross~~ total value of the silver deposites before ~~after~~ deductions is made up by the addition of the separate items of value *after* deductions. This error can hardly have found its way upon your books, but for fear that it may have done so. I think proper to call your attention to the ~~R~~ circumstance.

R. M. P.

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Jno. R. Macmurdo, Esq

Treasurer Branch Mint

New Orleans.

To,

Jno. R. Macmurdo, Treas.,
New Orleans

27 May '46

Mint U. S. Philada. June 3 1846

My dear Sir,

I have just recd. your letter of the 25th ult. The case which you present for my opinion has several times occurred at this Mint; and you may be assured that the example of Mr. Forstall, which you have taken as a Precedent was an error, though it seems to have been overlooked by the Department. The claim made on you by Mr. McCulloh must be yielded to, or the course always required, in similar cases, at this mint, has been erroneous.

I am dear Sir

with sincere regard

Your friend &c.

R. M. P.

H. C. Cammack, Esq.

To,

H. C. Cammack
New Orleans

3 June '46